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CORONER'S CALL ON LORRY SAFETY

Report by Alex Ross

A CORONER is calling on the Department of Transport to look again at regulations over mirrors on older lorries after a war veteran was knocked down and killed by a skip lorry.

The inquest heard that as the driver pulled away attraffic lights he was unable to see the 90-year-old under his front windscreen.

The lorry driven by Geoffrey Hawkins ran over Royal British Legion fundraiser Arnold Soulsby at the crossroad junction of Bank Street and Dudley Road in Brierley Hill.

War veteran Arnold Soulsby

Fitted

An inquest at Dudley Coroners' Court was told the lorry had no forward-facing mirrors, which created a blind spot in front of the vehicle.

Under recent regulations brought in by the Department For Transport (DfT), all heavy goods vehicles made since 2007 must have the mirrors fitted.

Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain, who concluded Mr Arnold died from multiple injuries, said he was to write to the DfT.

He revealed that he had dealt with six similar cases in the past seven years.

Mr Soulsby's daughter, Susan Rowley, told the hearing said she was 'alarmed' the regulation did not apply to all heavy goods vehicles.

Mr Balmain said: "For whatever reason it wasn't felt necessary to make the regulation retrospective, so it applied to new vehicles, but not to older vehicles.

"I don't know why that was done. It might be something to do with the fitting and cost of doing it but I do share Mrs Rowley's concern.

"I think this is far from an isolated incident, I think I ought to draw it to Department of Transport's attention to see if they will make steps to make it retrospective.

"I do intend to write to department if the matter can be considered again to see if anything can be done."

Mr Hawkins had been driving the lorry to Halesowen when he pulled up at a red light in Bank Street just after 1pm on January 30 last year.

Asked by Mr Balmain if he had seen Mr Soulsby, he replied 'no'.

Mr Soulsby, a retired engineer, lived in Miles Court in John Street. He served in the Royal Navy during the Second World War.

First glimpse of market transformation

Modern market — an artist's impression of Dudley's new market place viewed from New Street

THIS is an artist's impressions showing how Dudley's historic market place will be transformed as part of a £6.7 million project.

New stalls, canopies and lighting will help breathe new life into Dudley Market.

Images released by Dudley Council give shoppers a glimpse of how the area will look when work is completed next year.

The project includes the relocation of the Duncan Edwards statue to a more prominent place at the New Street end of the market.

The first phase of work, which includes the laying of new stonework, began in Castle Street in January.

The next stage will see the new market stalls constructed.

John Millar, director of the urban environment, said: "This next phase of the scheme will start to build a picture in people's minds of what the new market place will look like once complete.

Attractive

"Our aim has always been to create a clean, modern and attractive space, putting Dudley's historic market place well and truly on the map."

Next month market traders will be relocating to temporary stalls near the fountain, with overspill stalls at Stone Street Square.

From Tuesday, May 27, there will be a new traffic arrangement in the town centre.

Entry to and exit from the events area, between the fountain and Stone Street, will be via Stone Street only. Vehicles will not be permitted to drive through the market place and exit via New Street.

From next week shoppers will be able to use certain parts of New Street for parking.

Waste site scheme is withdrawn — for now

CONTROVERSIAL proposals to build a waste plant in Brierley Hill have been withdrawn just weeks before the application was set to be decided at a planning appeal – but campaigners cannot yet claim victory.

Bosses behind the plans have insisted they still intend to create the plant in Brierley Hill and will instead lodge a new application rather than proceeding with the appeal.

Opposed

Members of the Brierley Hill SNOW (Say No to Waste site) campaign group, which has opposed the plans by Clean Power, say they will continue to oppose the proposal with 'vigour'.

In a letter to the planning inspectorate, James Waterhouse, director of Clean Power agents Iceni Projects, confirmed the appeal had been withdrawn but maintained the company remained 'fully committed' to the project.

Mr Waterhouse said the decision to pull the appeal was made after some minor amendments were made to the proposal after discussions with the Environment Agency.

Under guidelines from the Planning Inspectorate, the body advises against 'evolving applications at appeal'.

Mayor is to re-open store

THE Mayor of Dudley will officially re-open a refurbished store in the town.

Councillor Alan Finch will cut the ribbon of the new-look B&M store in the Trident Centre on Saturday.

The store has recently had a makeover and will stock more products after increasing shelf space by 50 per cent, creating 10 jobs.

There will also be free face painting, an appearance by the Haribo Bear and a charity raffle in aid of Dudley-based White House Cancer Support.

Street bid to curb problem parking

DOUBLE yellow lines have been painted on a residential street near Russells Hall Hospital in a bid to stamp out nuisance parking.

Residents have long complained about cars clogging up their road near the Dudley hospital and every resident in Abbotsford Drive signed a petition about it, sent to Dudley Council.

Bosses have now taken action and painted the lines, which mean any motorist caught parking illegally faces a fine of up to £70.

Abuse

Residents had complained that thoughtless motorists had been blocking their drives and parking on pavements. They also claimed that they suffered frequent abuse from the motorists.

Hazel Waterfield, aged 73, of Abbotsford Drive, said: "When I have asked people to move their cars, I have been threatened with violence and told to drop down dead. No-one should have to deal with that."

Dudley North MP Ian Austin supported the campaign. He said: "I know from visiting the street myself what residents were having to put up with, so I'm delighted that the council have put down double yellow lines to tackle these problems."

Terror book trial date set

A MAN from Dudley has pleaded not guilty to two counts of distributing a terrorist book.

Usman Choudhary, aged 33, of Terry Street, is accused of supplying a book allegedly intended to directly or indirectly encourage or induce the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism.

Unemployed Choudhary pleaded not guilty on Monday and remains in custody until trial at Kingston Crown Court on July 7.

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Army reserve squadron to expand

AN ARMY reserve squadron which was once part of one of the Midlands' oldest TA regiments will expand by a third under ambitious recruitment plan.

The announcement has been made after soldiers from the Royal Mercian and Lancastrian Yeomanry gathered at their base in Dudley to watch their flag lowered for the last time as part of changes being introduced by the Ministry of Defence.

As part of the ceremony the red, blue and yellow flag of the RMLY was replaced with A Squadron's own standard. However, this will soon be replaced by the green, white and yellow standard of the Royal Yeomanry.

New badges were also revealed as part of changes as the Government re-structures the Territorial Army into the Army Reserve. Members of A Squadron in Dudley will take on the role of a light cavalry unit providing a reconnaissance during operations as part of the Royal Yeomanry, which has its headquarters in Croydon.

Earlier this year it was feared that the centre in Vicar Street, Dudley, would close but MP Ian Austin secured a commitment from Government ensuring Dudley's Army Reserve squadron will be able to expand. The squadron has around 60 soldiers but plans to recruit around 25 to 30 more to the unit.

Captain Andy Peters, Permanent Staff Administration Officer, said: "We did have uncertainty over the base but we are staying open and we are going to expand and continue to recruit."

Convenience store raiders behind bars

THEY were a series of 'blood chilling' dawn robberies carried out by a professional band of criminals.

During their eight-week campaign of terror they raided seven convenience stores – including one in Gornal – which saw staff threatened, tied up and even beaten as they made off with a haul of cash, cigarettes and scratch cards worth £84,000.

Now Graham Aulton, 33, of High Street, Wednesfield, Stewart Ferguson 35, of Talbot Lane, Bilston, Alan Britton, 40, of Duke Street, Wolverhampton, and Craig Osmund-Smith, 41, of Valley Road, Dudley, are serving time behind bars after being given hefty prison sentences.

Masked and bearing weapons they sprung on vulnerable shop workers as they opened up during the early hours across the Black country, Staffordshire and Shropshire.

The seven stores hit were Tesco Express in Codsall; Tesco Express in Willenhall Road, Wolverhampton; Spar in Wombourne; the Co-op in Penkridge; Sainsbury's Local in Gornal; One Stop in Ashmore Park, Wolverhampton; and Spar in Bayston Hill, Shrewsbury.

Police arrested Osmund-Smith, Aulton, and Ferguson on November 5 last year as the trio arrived at the Sainsbury's Local in Wordsley in a BMW at 5am.

Crashed

Aulton, in the driver's seat, tried to speed off but crashed into an unmarked police car.

Stafford Crown Court heard in the first attack in Codsall on September 9, threats were made to workers with an axe and wrench.

The second raid at Tesco in Willenhall Road, Wolverhampton, saw two members of staff handcuffed to a metal rail as the robbers plundered the store.

The handcuffs – which originally belonged to a custody officer – that would proved to be a vital clue as they had been left in the boot of the prison worker's stolen orange Ford Focus which was later used in some of the robberies.

While the car was never recovered, its alloy wheels and tyres were found in the downstairs toilet at the home of Aulton, who was described as taking on a 'leading role' by His Honour Judge Michael Fowler.

The raid in Shrewsbury on October 16 saw a staff member kicked in the face while the robbery in Ashmore Park saw the manager's BMW stolen which three of the gang were later arrested in.

The trauma of the robbery at Spar, Windmill Bank, Wombourne, resulted in one male staff member later having a heart attack. Mobile telephone records showed the group would exchange messages in the early hours before the raids, shortly after and late at night before the attack. Aulton was jailed for eight years and nine months after admitting conspiracy to commit robbery alongside Britton who received seven years and seven months and Osmund-Smith who was sent down for six years and nine months. Ferguson denied the charge but was unanimously found guilty yesterday by a jury. He was jailed for eight years and nine months. Sentencing, Judge Fowler said: "There was intimidation by urgency. There was total disregard for the feelings and wellbeing of those who were in the stores when the robberies took place."

Detective Superintendent Paul Clews said: "The sentence is a culmination of some excellent partnership work across the West Midlands region."

Alan Britton – seven years, seven months

Craig Osmund-Smith – six years nine months

Graham Aulton – eight years nine months

Stewart Ferguson – unanimously found guilty

Three to be sentenced for attack with shovel

A MAN has been told a prison sentence is 'almost inevitable' after he admitted involvement in a violent attack where a victim was hit in the head with a shovel.

Benjamin Payne was due to stand trial at Wolverhampton Crown Court but the 20-year-old, of Chapel Street, Brierley Hill, changed his plea to guilty before the hearing begam. He admitted attempting to cause grievous bodily harm to the victim won Hagley Road, Stourbridge, at around 4.45am on June 30. The victim suffered minor injuries.

Payne was given unconditional bail until his appearance before the court on June 4 for sentencing. A report will be drawn up before the hearing.

Judge Amjad Nawaz said: "A custodial sentence is almost inevitable."

The victim was knocked to the ground during the attack before being kicked. He was hit over the head several times with the shovel as he lay helpless on the ground.

Mark Flavell, 44, of Manor Road, Wordsley, and Ryan Claridge, 20, of Barnett Lane, Kingswinford, have already pleaded guilty to charges. All three will appear on June 4 for sentence.

Continental market visits

A CONTINENTAL market will transform West Bromwich town centre into a bustling European market next week as stall holders from across the continent return to the Black Country.

The fair from May 29 until May 31, and will feature more stalls than ever before and it is hoped it will bring new shoppers into the town.

Organiser Olivier Simonin said: "We have new professional continental market traders from France, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Holland, Poland and many more countries."

Polish flights

BUDGET airline Ryanair is launching new flights to Poland and Lithuania as part of its winter schedule from Birmingham.

The Irish airline is launching flights to Gdansk in Poland and Lithuania's second city, Kaunas, twice a week.

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Teenaged driver in city centre car chase

A TEENAGER from Dudley stole a car and was chased by police in Birmingham city centre. Zohabe Akbar, 18, pleaded guilty at Dudley Magistrates Court to stealing a Volkswagen Golf and driving dangerously in Broad Street.

Akbar, of Norman Street, Dixons Green, narrowly missed three pedestrians as he mounted the pavement to get away from an unmarked police car on April 17. The teenager, who had to be forcibly removed from the car, pleaded guilty to failing to stop, having no driving licence or insurance.

After a one mile pursuit, officers arrested Akbar, who had two passengers. Miss Jayne Yeomans, prosecuting, said: "Police were informed that a car stolen from Dudley was driving on Paradise Circus towards Broad Street at 4.30pm. The area was very busy.

"The car turned into Gas Street where an unmarked police car turned on its sirens and indicated to the car to stop but Akbar accelerated and narrowly missed a pedestrian."

Mr Peter Jordan, defending, said: "Akbar disagrees with some of the details of his driving." He will be sentenced at Wolverhampton Crown Court on June 11.

Children seek help on drugs

HUNDREDS of children have been referred for drug and alcohol treatment in the past two years in the Black Country.

In Dudley 141 youngsters accessed those services in 2012/13. Seven of them were aged nine to 12.

Dudley Councillor Susan Ridney, who chairs the borough's health scrutiny committee, said: "I am just concerned, with general cutbacks, that these figures do not creep up."

The most common means for children to come into contact with drugs and alcohol is through their parents.

Community cafe

A CAFE is being created at St Andrew's United Reformed and Methodist Church in Sedgley. The community cafe involves conversion of an area in the Bilston Street building. The £166,788 project is funded by Biffa, Veolia Environmental and SITA trusts.

Views are wanted on revamp for town

Action plan for Dudley town centre

RESIDENTS are being urged to take part in a consultation on the future regeneration of Dudley town centre

People are being asked to give their views on the proposed 'area action plan', which outlines development from now until 2026.

It includes proposals to build a new supermarket in the town centre, develop a multi-storey car park on Tower Street and improve connections between the Castle Hill attractions, Castlegate and the town centre.

The council says so far more than 90 per cent of online respondents have given their support to the council's plan for the future of the town centre. John Millar, director of urban environment at Dudley Council, said: "We would like to thank everyone who has responded and to encourage others to do so.

"This will be an important document in influencing how the town centre develops over the next decade and we are keen to receive as many views as possible."

The current round of responses will be considered as part of the next draft of the plan which will be consulted on in early 2015, with the final document scheduled for completion in 2016.

There are a number of topics that people can give their views on during the consultation. They include the kind of homes people want and jobs they need.

They are also asked to consider the quality of the borough's open spaces, how they can be improved and how the council can keep the character of the town while looking to the future.

Views are also wanted on the types of shops, bars and restaurants people want as well as parking and transport.

To take part, visit www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/planning/planning-policy/local-development-framework/dudley-aap/public-consultation or call Dudley Council's Tim Brown on (01384) 817215.

Thief's S20LUN plate led to police busting parts racket

Report by Alex Ross

A COCKY crook behind a £1 million car theft racket has been jailed – after he was spotted by police driving a sports car with a number plate spelling out 'stolen'.

Shanwaz Khan's operation to strip stolen cars for parts that were sold on got noticed by police when he was seen driving an Audi RS4 with the personalised number plate of S20LUN. It was part of a convoy of stolen Mercedes cars being driven in Birmingham.

Officers discovered that the 30-year-old was behind a ring that stole and stripped down cars at industrial units, including in Dudley and Tipton, to sell on as parts via the internet.

A court heard that in total the police linked the brash criminal to more than 80 vehicle thefts and violent carjackings during 2012.

The vehicles were processed at various industrial premises across the Black Country and Birmingham.

Their crimes produced a stolen goods haul valued at £1.1 million.

Brother

Khan, of Marsh Lane in Erdington, Birmingham, was jailed for seven years at Birmingham Crown Court after admitted conspiracy to commit burglary and handle stolen goods.

His brother Wajid Khan, aged 24, of Brookvale Road , Erdington, and his cousin Seyed Khan, 32, of Marsh Lane, received 30-month prison sentences after admitting conspiracy to handle stolen goods.

Fellow conspirators in the racket Ross and Matthew Dunham, aged 21 and 24, of Charter Avenue in Canley, Coventry, were jailed for five years and 39 months respectively after admitting conspiracy to commit burglaries.

Detective Constable Mo Azir, said: "The brazen attitude of Shanwaz Khan was typified by his personalised number plate.

"This was a clear jibe at the authorities and he believed his underground theft racket was going unnoticed.

"The joke is on him now, though, as he starts a long prison term."

The Audi RS4 with the provocative plate that was noticed by police

Arrogant criminal Shanwaz Khan's joke backfired

He explained: "We meticulously pieced together their network of premises and, when officers raided one unit in Aston, we found an Aladdin's cave of stolen cars and parts.

"Many of these were high-value luxury cars that had been brutishly chopped up, whilst another premises in the city centre was used exclusively to store engines ripped from the stolen cars.

"The scale of their criminal operation was vast and they showed a complete disregard to the trail of destruction and misery left behind to victims of these offences."

After Shanwaz Khan was spotted with the number plate in March in 2012, a six-month investigation led officers to the four other members of the crime ring.

The gang were linked to a total of 82 vehicle thefts during 2012.

They included a petrol station violent car-jacking at the Total garage in Kingsbury Road, Erdington, on August 29 when a man was dragged from behind the wheel of his £25,000 Ford Focus ST.

Two Mercedes C Class cars were also taken from a driveway in Grovefield Crescent, Balsall Common, on April 27.

In another incident a Seat Leon car was taken from a house in Coventry on June 11.

Engines

Shanwaz Khan stripped down the vehicles and stored the parts at industrial units in Cheston Road, Nechells, at Northfield Road in Dudley, at the Kings Industrial Estate in Tipton and in Orphanage Road in Erdington.

He also rented space at City Self Storage, in Curzon Street, Digbeth, to stash stolen engines before shipping many of them abroad.

More than 3,000 parts stripped from the stolen cars were sold on to unwitting internet buyers via an eBay account operated by the car thieves.

Detective Constable Azir said: "The premises were leased by the Khans using false names and documentation. Many of the cars were stolen to order for engines which the Khans shipped out to the continent."

Now the criminals are likely to pay financially for their activities too.

Det Con Azir added: "All five are subject of on-going Proceeds of Crime Act investigations and we'll look to seize any assets obtained through criminal activities."

NEWS in brief

Path and viewing platform go ahead

PLANS to extend a path linking three major tourist attractions in Dudley have been approved.

Permission was given for the creation of a shared arrival point for visitors to Dudley Zoo, the Black Country Living Museum and Dudley Canal Trust back in October 2012.

An amended design for the pathway has now been given the go-ahead.

The move will also allow a viewing platform to be created providing views towards Dudley Canal.

Get rowing on the reservoir

TWO new boats will be going out on the water at a Dudley reservoir to give people the chance to try rowing.

As part of Dudley Council's 'Let's Get' campaign, people can have a go at the sport for free at Dudley Water Sports Centre in a project run with British Rowing at Lodge Farm Reservoir, Netherton on Sunday, June 1. From 10am to 2pm, the event is those age 12 and over. Contact coach Matthew Brighton on 07580 725792.

Call to help tidy church grounds

CAMPAIGNERS working towards reopening a Dudley church for the community are appealing for supporters to lend a hand clearing the grounds.

The St John's Preservation Group is looking for help tackling weeds at St John's Church, Kates Hill, on Sundays from 2pm and on Wednesdays from 5pm. Contact Deb Brownlee on savestjohnschurch@hotmail.co.uk

Fun at museums during Whitsun

YOUNGSTERS can enjoy a activities at a museum club during the Whitsun break. A range of crafts and trails will be on offer as part of the Juniors at Museums (Jam) club at the Red House Glass Cone, Dudley Museum and Art Gallery and Broadfield House Glass Museum. Visit www.dudley.gov.uk/see-and-do

Machine on fire

FIREFIGHTERS were called to Cab Automotive on Vaughan Trading Estate in Tipton. A hydraulic press in the machinery room over-heated, setting on fire. Four workers were evacuated, none injured.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

DESPITE the sacking of a BBC presenter, the unexpurgated 1932 version of The Sun Has Got His Hat On can still be found online via Google. Mind you, the European Court of Justice now says Google should recognise the "right to be forgotten" and remove search results that members of the public find awkward or embarrassing. We can probably look forward to a golden age when nothing nasty can be found and online searches reveal only nice things: Gordon Brown: finest economist of his generation. Tony Blair: peace-bringer to the Middle East. Adolf Hitler: popular European politician and champion of the toothbrush moustache.

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ONE snag with the court's ruling on Google is that many of us share the same name. Thus, Google will tell you that "Peter Rhodes is a veteran BBC producer," "Peter Rhodes is a Chartered Psychologist," "Peter Rhodes is a London-based illustrator" and "Peter Rhodes is a waste of ink." Only one of these applies to me (no prizes) but am I entitled to have them all deleted?

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WHEN it was announced that a new film was to be made of Dad's Army, there was much gnashing of teeth from those who believe the sheer brilliance of Dad's Army cannot be replicated. So it was worthwhile watching last weekend' s repeat The Two and a Half Fathers (BBC2) which was badly conceived, badly written, badly acted and painfully embarrassing. Some of the 80 episodes hit unforgettable heights of comedy and poignancy. And some were awful.

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WE are told that Boko Haram, the name of the Nigerian terrorist group, means "Western education is forbidden." Haram is the Arabic word for forbidden which suggests the single word Boko means "Western education." But according to a BBC language expert, the name is a short form of a longer phrase and the meaning is implied. Strangely enough, Britain has an organisation with a very puzzling name. Special Air Service sounds like a courier company. It actually means "Lots of very hard men from Hereford are coming to kick seven sorts of ** out of you." Boko Haram may soon be in for a real education.**

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RESEARCHERS in California have discovered that polar bears have evolved uniquely to live on a high-fat diet that would kill any human. This, according to one report, is why polar bears never need to diet. Another reason polar bears never need to diet is that they stand nine feet tall, have razor-sharp claws and nobody ever calls them a lardarse.

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AS he campaigns for women soldiers in the front line and sneers at the Army's "macho" image, Defence Secretary Philip Hammond should try spending a few nights on exercise or operations with a typical infantry platoon. They are the ones whose job, to seize and hold the ground, has changed little in thousands of years. In the last resort they do it with with rifle butt, fists and bayonet, so close to the enemy that they can smell his dying breath. These are warriors who kill and are killed in much the same way as King Henry's muddy, bloody warhammer-wielding band of brothers at Agincourt. Their job is so filthy, foul, demeaning and stressful that it can, and often does, send them mad. It is a terrible tragedy that in the 21st century we still need men to do such things. And only a politician utterly unaware of the reality of battle would want women to do the same.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Health trust praised with a few provisos

A MENTAL health service provider has been praised in a new report but told to make some improvements in the care of elderly residents.

Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust runs Bushey Fields Hospital, Dorothy Pattison Hospital and Bloxwich Hospital.

The service has been praised by England's Chief Inspector of Hospitals Professor Sir Mike Richards. But inspectors found the trust needs to make sure Bushey Field Hospital's Holyrood Ward meets needs of dementia patients; care and treatment of the elderly needed to improve; that patients nursed in isolation are correctly recorded and monitored.

They also called for all clinical staff to have the right specialist training; and to investigate staff survey results with regard to staff bullying claims.

In general, the Care Quality Commission inspection found the trust provided safe care and had effective leadership.

Sir Mike said: "We found Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust had a robust approach to learning from incidents and ensured this was embedded in practice across its services"

Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust Chief Executive Gary Graham said: "We welcome the CQC's report which, overall, is very positive. I am pleased that the inspectors have recognised the hard work of our staff and the high quality, safe mental health services that we provide."

Setting sun may have dazzled pilot in crash

A PILOT may have had his vision impaired by the setting sun moments before his microlight hit power cables and crashed.

Father-of-two Andrew Tollerton, aged 52, of Gerald Road, Wollaston, died in a field after his Pegasus Flex Wing two-seater crashed at Barratt's Coppice, Stourton.

by Andrew Turton

An inquest jury ruled that Mr Tollerton died as a result of an accident shortly after 5.50pm on October 6. The lorry driver had suffered head and chest injuries in the crash at the field off the Bridgnorth Road.

The Air Accidents Investigation Branch revealed its findings last week. It found weather conditions that afternoon were good but added: "The sun was low in the sky and the pilot would have been flying almost directly into it during his final approach to the field."

Experts said the aircraft had only been airborne for five to 10 minutes before the accident happened . Previous flights recorded in Mr Tollerton's logbook had lasted on average 42 minutes. The report says the reason for the shortened flight could not be established but there were two possible causes.

"The flight was conducted late in the day and the pilot may have been concerned about the fading light.

"Secondly, the pilot had a pre-existing medical condition that had the potential to cause painful symptoms, which could have been distracting or partially incapacitating."

A post mortem report stated Mr Tollerton had medical conditions including high blood pressure and kidney stones.

The report concluded: "The microlight's approach, into wind and towards the low, setting sun, appeared to be under control until it struck the power cables. Although the pilot had operated from the field before, the angle of the sun and the close orientation of the power cables with the surface ruts in the field, together with the location of the power cable support poles, may have made the cables difficult to detect.

"The pilot did not appear to take any avoiding action, indicating that he did not see the cables or that he only did so when it was too late."

The report also stated Mr Tollerton did not have a pilot's licence and not completed the training.

Man remanded in custody

A MAN started a fire in his former flat by setting alight his window blinds, a court heard.

Adrian Daker, aged 25, started the small blaze in Hallchurch Road in Dudley on April 13.

Appearing at Wolverhampton Crown Court last week, he pleaded guilty to arson being reckless as to whether life would be endangered.

Judge Nicholas Webb adjourned the case for a psychiatric report.

Daker, of no fixed abode, was remanded in custody until a sentencing hearing on July 8.

Fitness boot camp expanding

Priory peak performance for Joshua Burchell and Lee Morgan of Total Body Fitness

AN URBAN boot camp with a difference is proving so popular it is now providing additional sessions at a new location.

Set up by Dudley internet entrepreneur Joshua Burchell, 24, and his sales manager friend Lee Morgan, 31, Total Body Fitness was launched in March on the car park of Champions Church at Cinder Bank.

Now anyone between 18 and 60, from unfit beginners to fitness fanatics, can also join new sessions on Dudley's Priory Park. Joshua said: "The uptake has been hugely encouraging and already we are seeing some incredible weight-loss results. "We have one woman who has committed to two sessions a week and in just four weeks has lost an incredible 16 lbs.

The new schedule now provides Total Body Fitness with five sessions a week. New sessions are on Mondays from 7pm to 8pm, and Wednesdays 6pm to 7pm, while hour-long supervised training continues at the church car park on Tuesdays at 6pm, Thursdays at 7pm and Saturdays at 10am.

Hotel chain recruit 36 for Black Country HQ

A HOTELS group is taking on 36 sales staff at its Black Country bookings centre.

InterContinental Hotels Group, which includes Holiday Inn and Crowne Plaza, has its UK guest centre at Oak Court in Dudley Road, Brierley Hill. The centre, which is open 5am to 10pm seven days a week, currently employs 250.

Human resources manager Sophie Meachem said that the new jobs were because of growth of business at the centre, which takes bookings mainly from the UK but also deals with international reservations when overseas centres are shut.

The full time jobs, which involve answering calls from guests booking in at more than 4,600 group hotels around the world, carry a basic salary of £15,838. Reservation sales specialists will be working shifts between 7am and 10pm.

The Brierley Hill centre, which also has a dedicated team serving the Middle East, has been going for more than 25 years.

The group has Holiday Inn hotels at Wolverhampton and Walsall and a Holiday Inn Express at Oldbury. It also owns several chains.

To apply for jobs contact (01384) 890918.

Mum's the word drama

TICKETS have gone on sale for a new production featuring an all-female cast from the Black Country.

Charlemont Drama Society'a 133rd production, Be My Baby, is the story of four unmarried teenage girls in the 1960s who have been sent away to a home to have their babies in secret.

The production will run for two nights only on June 67, at Pennyhill Primary School in Hollyhedge Road, West Bromwich, from 7.30pm. Tickets are available from Sylvia Hill by calling 0121 357 4169 or email hilld28@sky.com.

One season kit

ALBION will only keep their controversial new kit design for one season after a backlash from fans

The club are planning to wear a pinstripe design next season but will revert back to their more traditional blue and white stripes in 2015-16.

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Council in talks over lighting up church

HERITAGE experts have been drafted in to work on plans to light up a grade II listed church.

Dudley Council wants to install lighting outside St Edmund King and Martyr Church in Castle Street.

It is the latest part of £6.7million regeneration project to breathe new life into Dudley town centre.

Due to the church having listed status, English Heritage has been consulted on the proposals for the building which falls within a conservation area.

Discussions over the design of the lights, which would be fitted to concrete plinths outside the building, are now taking place to find the best way to carry out the work. The planning application has been withdrawn until a final design is drawn up.

John Millar, Dudley's director of urban environment, said: "As St Edmunds is a listed building, English Heritage are a consultee within the planning process and have made some comments on the design of the proposed new lighting. The application has therefore been withdrawn while we discuss the design with English Heritage and will be resubmitted."

Help online for business

A NEW online tool designed to help budding entrepreneurs set up their own business has been made available.

Complete Business Reference Advisor is a free online resource which is available via the Dudley Libraries' website. It is within the online resources section of the website and allows people to access more than 600 start up guides, information about courses, qualifications and training providers, guides to finance schemes and subsidies as well as details on regulations.

Go to www.dudley.gov.uk/libraries.

Homes planned

PLANS have been lodged for four homes on the site of a former petrol station.

The properties would built on land off Stream Road, Kingswinford if proposals are approved by Dudley Council.

The site was former used by BP as a petrol station.

Motorcyclist killed in France by sleeping driver

Keen cyclist David Cook

A FATHER-OF-TWO was killed during a motorcycling holiday in southern France when an 80-year-old woman fell asleep at the wheel of her car, an inquest heard.

Halesowen-born David Cook, 41, suffered internal bleeding and three heart attacks after being hit head-on by French pensioner Ginette Bock whose car was on the wrong side of the road, Cannock Coroner's Court heard.

Mr Cook had been riding behind his friend Bernie Brinkmann, from Stourbridge, on the D900 at Goult, north of Marseille, when the tragedy occurred just before 5.30pm on June 14 last year. He was flown by air ambulance to hospital in Marseille where he was later pronounced dead.

Both men would go on motorbiking holidays across the Continent together and were highly experienced riders, the court was told. Normally Mr Cook, of Wombourne, would ride in front with Mr Brinkmann following.

"Mr Brinkmann could see in the distance a car on the wrong side of the road and thought as it got nearer it would cross back on to the correct side," South Staffordshire coroner Andrew Haigh said. "But it didn't and at the last minute Mr Brinkmann swerved to the side of the road toward the crash barrier. He saw in his mirror that the car collided with David pretty much head-on."

Mr Brinkmann said: "David always travelled in front and for some reason he just said you go in the front and I'll go at the back. We were in the wrong place at the wrong time."

Bock has been convicted of involuntary homicide by a motor vehicle in the French courts.

Mr Cook, a rugby player, worked at Evans and White Ltd in Kingswinford. He is survived by wife Joy, son Adam and daughter Chloe.

Mr Haigh concluded death due to multiple injuries caused by road traffic collision.

Security camera keeping watch in village centre

A CCTV camera aimed at tackling anti-social behaviour in a village is up and running.

Plans to install the device in Abbey Road, Gornal, were first announced a year ago in a bid to stop groups causing a nuisance to residents and traders.

Now the camera is keeping watch after the system finally went live last week.

It is linked to a control centre in Sedgley allowing police to monitor the village, gather evidence and respond more quickly to problems.

Councillor Stuart Turner, ward member for Gornal, said: "I am absolutely delighted the camera has been launched. It has been difficult to secure all of the necessary funding but we have finally got there.

"The village desperately needed CCTV coverage and I am sure it will be of enormous benefit. It is a state-of-the-art camera and being connected to the main control centre means images will be closely monitored."

Councillor Turner said funding came from Dudley Council, West Midlands Police and a community safety grant.

"It has been getting the funding together which has taken up the time," he said. "We had around £21,000 towards the project but we had to bid for the rest."

Fellow Gornal councillor Dave Branwood, who has also campaigned for the camera, said it would make a massive difference in the fight against anti-social behaviour.

A previous camera in the village, not connected to the control centre, was removed as it did not meet requirements.

The new camera was called for after menacing groups started to gather at public benches, which even led councillors to consider removing the benches.

Art in ruins for show at town gallery

A COLLECTION of paintings of romantic ruins, including six never seen before by the public, have gone on display in Dudley.

The exhibition, comprising 51 works, is at Dudley Museum and Art Gallery and admission is free.

There are many pictures of Dudley Castle as well as paintings of Witley Court before it was ravaged by fire in 1937. Other West Midland scenes include Dudley Priory, Halesowen Abbey and Ludlow Castle in Shropshire.

There are also pictures of foreign scenes in France, Germany, Spain and Italy.

In the late 18th century the cult of the picturesque ruin became hugely popular.

Local views in the exhibition include Priory Hall by HR Dickinson and FH Henshaw's View of Dudley from Wrens Nest. Halesowen-born Amos Green is represented by his watercolour Castles in a Landscape.

Dudley Council's John Millar said: "This exhibition showcases some real gems of the Dudley Museum collection."

Payroll donation is big bonus for zoo

Zoo marketing assistant Andrea Hales and Andy Christie of Pertemps in Dudley meet lemurs at Dudley Zoo

TWO ring-tailed lemurs were among the animals to benefit from a recent cash donation to Dudley Zoo from a Black Country employment and training group.

The Dudley workers nominated their local zoo for a donation from their award winning payroll giving scheme.

Andy Christie, who works in the King Street offices of Pertemps People Development Group, made the suggestion to support after getting support from his colleagues and he got to meet the cheeky Lemur Wood boys when he handed over the donation.

"I'm new to the business but thought the scheme was something I wanted to be a part of," said Andy.

"I pass the zoo on my way to work, it's somewhere we all take for granted but I didn't appreciate that it was an educational charity with such a focus on animal conservation."

The company previously supported Dudley Zoo by encouraging staff to see for themselves what a fantastic day out is to be had at the Castle Hill attraction.

"I made a suggestion to our payroll giving scheme and was delighted when a contribution of £315 was agreed," continued Andy. "When you talk of Dudley everyone mentions the zoo, so we're keen to promote it wherever we can."

The company made the gesture as part of its community support programme.

NEWS in brief

Coffee lounge business opens

TWENTY jobs are being created as a new coffee lounge opens.

Dudley MP Ian Austin opened Cafe Capella in Gospel End Street in Sedgley last week. The lounge will be run by Brian Chapelle and family.

Mr Austin said: "It is great to see new businesses opening in Dudley, especially ones which are employing local young people.

"I hope that this family run café does well and that local residents use their coffee lounge."

Marking 50 at a big school reunion

FORMER pupils of a school in Kingswinford are being invited to a night of nostalgia with school mates who are aged around 50.

Friends from Crestwood School in Bromley Lane have organised a reunion. The event is the brainchild of 49-year-old Alan Scott who along with friends set up a Facebook page and decided to hold the reunion at Himley House on June 21. Tickets cost £15. Contact classof76@outlook.com or visit www.facebook.com/groups/539139589469530.

Hats the way to run a tea party

THE world of Alice in Wonderland will be brought to life at an event to raise awareness and funds for a new charity.

A Mad Hatter's Tea Party and Fair is being held at St Thomas' Church Hall on Market St, Stourbridge, on Saturday from 11am till 3pm, organised by The Hub Stourbridge to raise funds and awareness of their project for local enterprise.

Bostin' idea for Scrabble fans

IF you are a Black Country 'mon' or 'wench' who likes Scrabble, a 'bostin' club wants you. As part of Black Country Day celebrations in July, Tipton Library will host a special Scrabble club where only Black Country words are allowed.

It will be held on July 11 at 2pm and places can be reserved by calling Tipton Library on 0121 557 1796.

Soul at town hall

A NORTHERN soul and Motown night will be held at Dudley Town Hall for fans of 1960s and 70s soul music on Saturday. Tickets cost £7 for the 8 until late event featuring several DJs. Call (01384) 812812.

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IN MY VIEW

WITH MARK ANDREWS

YOU can tell it's election time when White Dee's antics in Magaluf seems like a pleasant respite from the wall-to-wall platitudes being churned out by our political leaders.

It seems the star of Benefits Street has left her life on the sofa behind, and has found work in the Spanish resort.

Not grafting in an office or factory, you understand. Or even a few shifts serving behind a bar. But, nevertheless, it does appear Dee Kelly has found some kind of gainful employment: knocking back shots in nightclubs, judging wet T-shirt competitions, all the kind of messy, menial work that the locals wouldn't want to do. It's a tough slog, but Magaluf welcomes hard-working immigrants who go there to contribute to the economy.

"I am taking casual work," she admitted. "I won't tell you how much I am earning but it's not half as much as people think."

Incredibly, White Dee has even been tipped for a role in Celebrity Big Brother.

Not that she is quite ready to retire from the benefits lifestyle just yet. According to her agent (yes, really) it is out of the question that Miss Kelly should have her benefits stopped.

"I'm trying to get Dee fit for work," said Barry Tomes, alluding to mysterious healing powers.

"Once she does that, she will be able to earn good money."

Well people less reasonable than myself might wonder how somebody who has an agent, has released a rap record and has had sessions as a DJ in Birmingham nightclubs is not fit for some kind of regular work.

But the one question nobody has bothered to ask is whether Miss Kelly really exists.

Isn't it all a bit convenient that the latest scandal has broken in the same week as the national and European elections? And that David Cameron has taken the opportunity to come out fighting, suggesting that he would personally intervene to ensure White Dee is not claiming benefits she should not be receiving?

Call me a mad conspiracy theorist if you like, but has it ever occurred to anybody that White Dee is not a real person, but an actress working for one of the political parties to whip up as much public anger as possible?

It's the same about former Apprentice candidate Katie Hopkins, who has since carved out a media career making spiteful right-wing comments about anybody who does not fit in with her vision of society. She's got to be working for the Labour Party, surely?

For all we know, there could be a whole network of undercover spin doctors secretly working in the television industry.

There probably isn't, of course. But just because you're paranoid, it doesn't mean they aren't out to get you.

The market where Boparan's career began

The 2 Sisters factory, in Dial Lane, West Bromwich

Supermarkets are flagging up British food

'Chicken king' who reigns on rich list

From butcher's boy to a billionaire he champions British brand, as DANIEL WAINWRIGHT discovers

THEY call him the 'chicken king'. Ranjit Singh Boparan heads a business turning over £3 billion a year supplying poultry to KFC, Sainsbury's and Tesco.

His 2 Sisters Food Group, with factories in Smethwick, West Bromwich and Wolverhampton, is part of a business empire that employs 24,000 people.

It is good going for a former butcher's shop boy from Bilston who left school at 16 with very few qualifications. Mr Boparan and his wife Baljinder have a fortune of £1.3 billion, meaning they top the list of the richest Asians in the West Midlands.

Brand

Various profile pieces about him list the butcher's shop as being in Bilston. Which one, Mr Boparan has not said, although it is believed to be one of the stalls on Bilston Indoor Market. It is understood he began working in the shop at the age of 11.

The 47-year-old champions the idea of a 'British' brand that everyone should work together to promote. But he does not do interviews with the media. His business includes some household names including the fish and chip restaurant chain Harry Ramsden's as well as Northern Foods, the producer of Goodfella's and San Marco frozen pizzas and Fox's Biscuits.

He started the 2 Sisters group in West Bromwich in 1993 with a small loan. Since then the business has grown, acquiring more and more others.

In the year to August 2009, 2 Sisters' sales increased 28 per cent to £649.4 million, with pre-tax profits up 33 per cent to £33.9 million, leaving a £12 million dividend for the family – an impressive feat during a recession. It is now recognised as the country's second largest food production company.

Ranjit Singh Boparan – the West Midlands billionaire promoting British brand

Northern Foods, which also makes Marks & Spencer ready meals, was added to his portfolio in 2011 having seen off a rival based in Dublin. No-one had been able to match Mr Boparan's £342 million cash offer.

With Asda and Morrisons also on the list of companies supplied by 2 Sisters it is no wonder that Mr Boparan has acquired the nickname 'chicken king'. British Airways and Harrods are customers too.

Although profits soared during the recession, the business has not been immune from its ups and downs. 2 Sisters confirmed recently it would be shutting its Solway Foods site in Corby, where 930 people make chilled products such as salads and coleslaws.

Losses within Boparan Holdings, the parent company of which Mr and Mrs Boparan are the sole shareholders, almost doubled in a year to £27.5 million.

Sales were up, however, by 35 per cent to £848 million – boosted by the takeover of meat and chicken processing business Vion a year ago.

In a rare public appearance in February, Mr Boparan took part in a debate held by the National Farmers Union and talked about the importance of a British brand in promoting food produced in the UK. And he would know about what people want and buy, having sold it to them every day in the Black Country.

Former Wolverhampton mayor Bert Turner, a councillor in Bilston, says people remember Mr Boparan working at the market.

"He was on the big meat stall," he says. "He wasn't the owner but he started there working with two or three others."

Example

The President of the Black Country Chamber of Commerce, Ninder Johal, says that Mr Boparan's story is an example of how anything is possible.

He says: "It is brilliant to have such a success story in the Black Country. "It shows that from humble beginnings young people can aspire to get to the very top.

Mrs Boparan plays a major role with the Boparan Charitable Trust, which is based in Birmingham and raises money to help disabled and disadvantaged children throughout the UK.

Also on the board is the couple's son Antonio Singh Boparan. The family was rocked in 2006 when a Range Rover Antonio, then aged 19, was driving crashed into a Jeep, leaving 11-month old Cerys Edwards with brain damage and in need of 24-hour care.

Ranjit and Baljinder Boparan pledged a substantial cash gift to Cerys's family and to set up a trust fund for her and other injured children.

POLITICS

WITH DANIEL WAINWRIGHT

I'M a little worried some people might fall into the trap of thinking that today's vote will make a scrap of difference when it comes to Britain being in or out of the European Union. It won't.

Only the Parliament in Westminster can give us a referendum. Whether you vote Ukip or anyone else today will not amount to a hill of beans on that burning issue.

The debate in recent weeks has turned towards being in or out of the EU. There's enormous concern over just how many of our laws originate in Brussels and whether or not our borders are really ours to control.

What doesn't get picked up on as much is it was the former Labour government that decided to open the borders to Eastern Europeans in 2004 while the Germans and French prevented them from working in their countries until 2011.

That was something that happened in London, not Brussels. It might have started on the continent, but it was our own MPs who chose to enact it.

It would also be easy to find the rest of the debates in the European Parliament about as dull as a Eurovision song contest without the dancing milkmaids.

Some of the subjects MEPs tackle on a daily basis are not exactly going to be the ones that people are talking about over the dinner table.

Websites

Press releases issued by some serving West Midlands MEPs recently have included one who was pleased travel websites have to now give information on how to complain and another who won an award in recognition of his work to ensure exhaust pipes were checked for air pollution.... Yawn.

The EU and its Parliament affects people's lives in many ways. One of the things it enforced was the need for websites to flash up messages asking if people are prepared to accept 'cookies' - those little bits of data sent from a site to the user's browser that lets the site 'remember' them.

Nikki Sinclaire, the former Ukip member who founded her own group called We Demand A Referendum Now used her position to gather more than 100,000 signatures on a petition calling for just that.

But it was the UK Parliament that ended up acting on that petition, debating the matter and then throwing it out.

The people we're choosing to represent us as MEPs can deal with the continent-wide issues on immigration, jobs, investment and the environment. They are not the ones that are going to get us out of or keep us in the union.

That's one for the General Election. You have at least another year of this row to listen to.

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Cloudy2Clear service Wolverhampton and the surrounding area and Brian is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated.'

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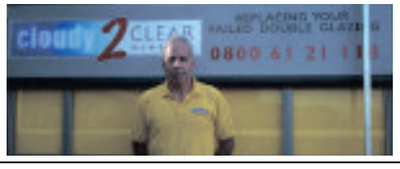

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A great day out ruined by dog owners

A GREAT visit to Himley Hall — what a great initiative by Dudley Council during the late 1980s to take on full control of this national heritage.

I visited the exhibition and seated on a bench. It was idyllic, the weather, a mother and friend playing with a young baby and toddler on the grass.

Then a puppy sized black coloured terrier type dog, on a long uncontrollable lead, was allowed to run within ten feet of the family group, yapping in delight.

The dog couple, having difficulty controlling their mutt, seemed oblivious to a mother, friend, young baby and toddler enjoying their freedom on the grassed area.

The dog was allowed to aggressively yap at the party, while those in apparent 'control' failed as responsible dog owners to attempt to fulfil their legal responsibilities.

Unfortunately the couple in their late fifties or early sixties allowed their animal to relieve itself, in solid form, less than ten feet from the group that had been allowing the eldest child to crawl around on the cut grass.

There wa s no attempt to retrieve the bowel movement or apologise to the family. They just walked off with the offending, uncontrolled mutt.

As a family, we have owned a number of pets including three dogs and are fully aware that the responsibility morally and legally rests with the owners.

I have passed on the registration number of the car of the 'offenders' in this case to Dudley Council and hopefully the appropriate action will be taken.

B MASON
Wolverhampton

Wasting our money on foreign aid

THE NHS is in trouble due to lack of funds.

Old people's nursing homes are closing down due to ack of funds, drugs that could prolong a patient's life, or at least ease some of their suffering, are too costly — yet Cameron insists on sending millions in aid abroad each day.

I'm sure they could find better use for these amounts in England. It should be spent on the NHS and old people.

Next to none of the money of ours that he wastes goes to the people who need it — the despots just pile it in their bank accounts.

Even MPs have said they don't know where the money goes, but I feel sure Mugabe and co do know where it goes.

It's time he was made to stop wasting our money and today's elections could be an important start.

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Maglev would beat HS2 for rail speed

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And we wouldn't need to import the railway track from Austria (the largest rail factory in Europe, thanks to certain officials) and we wouldn't have to import locomotives and rolling stock either — we could make them all, and the economy would benefit even more.

Just an idea!

J BENTON
Moxley

Guarantee call on Euro referendum

OUR Dudley South Conservative MP Mr Chris Kelly said in 'The Way I See It' column in Dudley Chronicle on May 8 that his was the only party that would guarantee a referendum, to be held in 2017, on British membership of the European Union.

If as a result of the 2015 General Election, the Tories are given the opportunity to organise a referendum and the decision of the British people is to withdraw from the Europe Union, will he give a cast-iron guarantee that this will happen?

I ask the question because a quality Sunday newspaper recently stated that Mr Cameron had been asked to give this commitment but had refused to do so — allegedly because of pressure from big business interests.

Over to you Mr Kelly.

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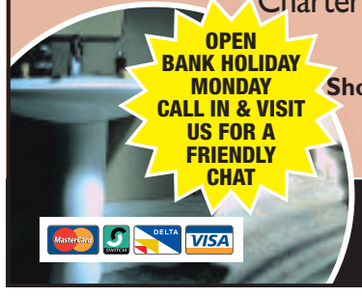

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Group takes a trip back to the 60s

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MRS McInnes welcomed everyone to the April meeting and reminded members of the arrangements for the birthday evening in May.

She then introduced the speaker Ray Sturdy to give a slide show taking members on a nostalgic journey through the 60s.

The 60s began with more young people in Europe and America than previously experienced.

The group was reminded of the comedy, food, cars, music, politics, major events like the Coronation and the assassination of President Kennedy and much more. He delivered his talk with humour and great enthusiasm.

The Gardening Group went to Birmingham Library to see the Discovery Terrace and the Secret Garden on the seventh floor and then up again to the Skyline Viewpoint 51 metres above street level.

Anna Marie from Beacon Centre for the Blind was the Social Studies speaker. The Blind Institute was established in 1875. In 1961, seven acres of land was purchased from the Earl of Dudley and in 1963 opened as Beacon Centre for the Blind with day centre, facilities, workshops and a residential care home.

In 2010 most of the buildings were demolished and the New Beacon Centre opened.

On May 28 Derek Wharton will speak on Puppets from Around the World.

High Flyers handed wheelbarrows gift

Doreen Pike, Mary Rowley and Dot Sanders with some of the young High Flyers

INNER WHEEL CLUB

SEDGLEY & Wombourne Inner Wheel members, led by their president Doreen Pike, made a special presentation of two decorated wheelbarrows to High Flyers at their home in Pegasus House, Wombourne.

High Flyers is a service providing day opportunities for adults with learning difficulties.

Their co-ordinator, Sheila Baker said of Pegasus House: "It is truly wonderful to have a place which gives lots of opportunities for our members to enjoy a range of activities."

Pictured are President Doreen Pike, with members Mary Rowley, Dot Sanders and

Workshop run by secretary Pam

STOURBRIDGE FLORAL ART CLUB

THE club meeting on April 7 was a workshop organised by secretary Pam Nixon.

Workshops run by Pam are extremely popular and more than 30 members took part in this particular one. New techniques were tried out by aspidistra leaves being manipulated by weaving in colourful medilina and by using many different types of flowers and foliage a variety of arrangements were created on the same theme by club members.

Handmade greetings cards made and donated by members also on sale as well as floristry merchandise. Refreshments were available and it was a very enjoyable evening.

Stourbridge Floral Arts club offers a warm welcome to visitors as well as to new members. Meetings are on the first Monday of the month, there are 10 meetings each year. At most meetings there is from a professional flower arranger whose repartee is both entertaining and informative. Social visits to venues of interest are also held throughout the year.

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Honoured former head reaches 100 milestone

BALLOONS, streamers and the classic hits of Glenn Miller helped a decorated former headmistress celebrate her 100th birthday.

Joan Walker became the Black Country's youngest ever headteacher when she took over at St Chad's Catholic Primary School in Sedgley whilst in her mid-20s.

She would go on to serve the school for 35 years, an achievement which was recognised when she was awarded the a rare papal medal in the early 1970s.

Now 'Auntie Joan', as she is lovingly known, has celebrated reaching a landmark birthday with a party at her home at Sunrise Senior Living in Tettenhall, Wolverhampton.

She was joined by friends, family members and other residents for a full day of celebrations, including a special lunch, chocolates, canapés, champagne and a birthday cake.

Joan Walker with the Benemerenti certificate she received from the Pope

Miss Walker, front row, second left, with St Chad's staff in 1956

Songs

Music was provided by Glenn Miller tribute act Moonlight Serenade, who performed a selection of her favourite tunes.

And a special treat awaited the centurian in the evening, when fellow resident Bert Hazell - who himself turned 100 earlier this year - played songs for the birthday girl on his piano.

Geraldine Bunning, events organiser at Sunrise, said: "She is a lovely lady who is very quiet and well mannered.

"When she first came here we found out some builders who were working on her house had called her Auntie Joan and the name just stuck."

Born in London a few months before the outbreak of the First World War, Auntie Joan was educated in Darlington and moved to the Midlands to work becoming headteacher at St Chad's in 1941.

During the Second World War she became a member of the British Red Cross, taking on a role which included managing the vital task of moving evacuees to safe areas of the country during the conflict.

A devout Catholic, her crowning achievement came when she visited Vatican City and received the coveted Benemerenti medal from Pope John XXIII in recognition of her outstanding work educating Catholic children.

She stayed at St Chad's for 35 years, where she gained a reputation as a 'strict but fair' teacher and has a trophy named after her awarded to pupils who uphold the school's ethos. She never married or had children.

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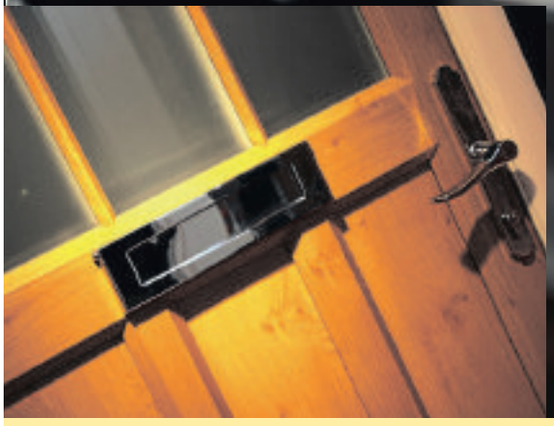

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College announces £12m construction centre plan

BOSSES behind plans for a £12 million construction training centre in Dudley say they hope it will support the industry's recovery.

The new facility has been earmarked to join other developments in the town's Learning Quarter by Dudley College chiefs.

Officials have revealed the scheme has been included as part of the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership's bid for £56 million from the Government's Local Growth Fund to support projects across the region.

If successful, building work would begin on the new centre, called CABTech, in September 2015 with the centre opening to students in Spring 2017.

It would include teaching and workshop facilities to train people in both traditional and new construction skills.

Report by Lee Watton

Under current plans the centre would be built next to the Dudley Advance building in Priory Road.

Dudley Advance is the college's new centre for Advanced Manufacturing an Engineering Technology which is due to open this Autumn.

Relocate

Bosses say creating the two specialist centres on Priory Road would bring together skills development and facilities.

The new building would also allow the college to relocate its existing craft and trade skills workshops from its Mons Hill campus into the Learning Quarter.

The Local Enterprise Partnership's funding bid is to support the Black Country Strategic Economic Plan, which aims to make the area a better place to live, learn and work.

Officials said securing funding from the Government through the Local Growth Fund would see the college investment in the town total £50m.

Investment to date has funded a new vocational training centre and A level centre alongside the refurbishment of an existing building into a sculpture workshop.

Two residential properties have been transformed into specialist centres for students with learning difficulties and disabilities.

Dudley College principal Lowell Williams said: "Our ambition to support the recovery of the construction industry in this country is driving this new addition to the Learning Quarter.

"With construction being recognised by the UK Government as one of the 10 key sectors driving economic recovery, it's imperative that current and future workforces are trained and ready to meet the challenges the economic up-turn will bring."

More danger dogs are seized by the police

SCORES of dangerous dogs in the West Midlands were destroyed last year after being seized by police, new figures show.

In the past two years West Midlands Police reported a 50 per cent rise in the number of dogs seized under the Dangerous Dogs Act, including banned breeds and those which attacked people and pets.

The figures released this week revealed the force seized 412 dogs last year, up from 360 in 2012 and 275 in 2011.

A total of 181 of the most dangerous dogs were destroyed in 2013, up 30 per cent from the previous year.

In the first three months of this year another 74 dogs in the region were seized under the Act, 22 of which were destroyed. Dogs are only put down in cases where the owner has been through the courts and found guilty of being in possession of a dangerous dog. It doesn't have to be a banned breed but would have to have attacked someone. Dogs seized by police which haven't been classed as dangerous can be found new homes.

Animal charities have called for 'drastic changes' to legislation in the wake of high profile dog attacks, despite a raft of regulations coming into force making it possible for owners to be prosecuted for attacks on private property.

Canine welfare charity Dogs Trust says the issues are caused by 'problem owners' rather than 'problem dogs'.

Special Bafta award goes to actress Julie

Mum was right said stage and screen actress Julie Walters pictured with her prestigious Academy Fellowship Award

BLACK Country-born actress Julie Walters was presented with the most prestigious honour at the Baftas ceremony on Sunday – an academy fellowship.

Tributes were paid to her long and 'spectacular' career as she was given the final award of the night at the star studded bash.

The 64-year-old star of Educating Rita, Billy Elliot and several Harry Potter movies, said: "Thank you, what a career.

"When I told my mother I wanted to be an actress back in 1969, and it's alright I'm not going to go through every year of my career, she said 'she'll be in the gutter before she is 20'. And she was right. But what a gutter. I've shared that gutter with some of the most amazing and talented people without whom I just wouldn't have had a career."

Walters, from Smethwick, who trained to be a nurse before taking up acting in Liverpool, was presented with the award by friend and fellow actress Celia Imrie.

Placard-plea Paul is back out on the jobs trail

THE man who took to the streets of the Black Country pleading for a job before Christmas is looking for work again.

Paul Hyde from Wolverhampton was finally offered work at Great Plane Alloy in Brierley Hill in February,but his contract recently came to an end.

The 52-year-old says he is now considering taking to the streets again with his home-made sign.

"Anybody can queue for a job, you have to do something that will make you stand out. When you walk along the Wolverhampton ring road with a sign, it shows you are determined to work.

Mr Hyde, who lives in Finchfield Road West, said he had never been unemployed until he was made redundant from Wednesfield-based Eurofast just over a year ago.

He struggled to find work and spent one day before Christmas pounding the pavement around the Chapel Ash Island in the city armed with a home-made placard. Mr Hyde said his low job prospects and dire financial circumstances had driven him into drastic action.

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MP in a meeting with new bosses of Merry Hill centre

THE WAY I SEE IT

Dudley South Conservative MP Chris Kelly takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views

'I was pleased to hear of the exciting plans for investment the new owners have for this major economic hub'

IN BETWEEN votes in the Commons, I had a very productive meeting with intu, the new owners of Merry Hill, at their offices.

I was pleased to hear of the exciting plans for investment the new owners have for this major economic hub and centre of employment in our area and will be keeping in close contact with them.

I'm really proud to be backing the six Conservative candidates in Dudley South in these local elections.

Today Councillor Patrick Harley, who is also the Leader of Dudley Conservative Group, will be seeking re-election in Kingswinford South. No-one has knocked on more doors or helped more residents than Patrick.

In Wordsley Councillor John Jones has worked really hard on issues from dog fouling on pavements to speeding traffic.

Kingswinford North & Wall Heath has an excellent local candidate in Natalie Neale, who is both a midwife and a local business woman with deep roots and a deep commitment to the area.

Nicola Richards is hoping to represent Brockmoor and Pensnett and is a great, young talent in our area.

Kamran Razzaq is a committed local campaigner and family man and would be a brilliant councillor in Netherton, Woodside & St Andrews. Dan Jones is hoping to represent Brierley Hill in order to bring his commitment and passion for our borough to the Council Chamber.

Remember that polls are open on May 22 from 7am to 10pm. We also have European elections at the same time as the local elections.

If you applied for a postal vote but didn't post it back in time you can take your ballot papers to your local polling station and place them in the ballot boxes.

The latest Electoral Commission donation figures show that the Labour Party remain financially dependent on the trade unions.

Ed Miliband said he'd stand up to his union paymasters like Len McCluskey but he's failed and broken his promise.

Not only have Unite given their biggest ever donation to Ed Miliband, they've also said that further cash depends on getting their demands written into Labour's next manifesto.

Nothing has changed at all. Union bosses are still in the driving seat at Labour HQ.

They are holding the purse strings, selecting the candidates and picking the policies.

And we all know what this means — more borrowing, more spending and more taxes hitting families across the country. It's the same old Labour Party.

Meanwhile, figures from the Office for National Statistics show that our long-term economic plan is working with nearly 1.6 million more people in work since the election.

Labour left nearly half a million more people without a job and Ed Miliband predicted that our economic plan would 'lead to the disappearance of a million jobs'.

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There are now a record number of jobs in Britain. Every job created means another family with more financial security and the prospect of a brighter future.

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The only way to raise living standards is to build on these foundations and keep growing the economy and creating more jobs. The biggest risk to economic security would be abandoning the plan that is delivering this.

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Messy hands make tidy sum for charity

Liam Miller (centre), Omari Lathe (left) and Faith Brown with Humpty Dumpty Day Nursery's Claire Brinton

A NURSERY in Rowley Regis had fundraising at their fingertips when they painted with their hand prints to raise pounds.

Children at Humpty Dumpty Day Nursery got their hands messy when they took part in a hand painting project to raise money for Cancer Research.

Staff at the child care centre on Marlow Street organised for the children to use paints to colour in a huge picture of Humpty Dumpty but no paintbrushes were allowed and the children got stuck in using their hand prints to bring the nursery character to life.

The event has raised more than £300 for charity Cancer Research and donations are still coming in

The hand painting project was organised by staff over a number of weeks so that all 49 children who attend the nursery could take part.

Claire Brinton at the nursery said: "All the children got involved and really enjoyed getting messy.

"Each child has fundraised themselves and each child was given a sponsorship form.

"The picture is that big we struggled to find space on the floor while we completed it but it was great fun to do. Children used their handprints to colour the whole picture of Humpty sitting on his wall and we are going to display it proudly at the top of our staircase so all the parents can see it."

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Brownies from Dudley, Lower Gornal and Netherton celebrating at the 100th birthday party

A centenary lollipop for Freya Butlin, from the 3rd Sedgley

Hoops of fun — Brownies from the West Midlands playing games in 1952

Whatever the era the emphasis on fun for the Brownies

Emma Morton and Katie Lee, of 3rd Cradley Heath Brownies

Brownies get together to mark centenary

MEMORY LANE
by Will Ackermann

WHEN it was founded a century ago, the Brownies focussed on activities such as sewing and housework.

Nowadays its members can do everything from abseiling and canoeing to scientific experiments and discussing world issues.

Hundreds of Brownies came together this month to learn about and celebrate the organisation's 100-year history.

A total of 291 girls from 21 units within the Brownies' Dudley Division marked the centenary at Black Country Living Museum along with 68 unit leaders.

The youngsters, all aged between seven and 10, sat through an old-fashioned school lesson to learn about how children their age would have been taught 100 years ago.

They were told the story of how the Brownies came to exist around a traditional camp-fire and also enjoyed fairground rides during the day. They put on a colourful parade, walking from the canal-side through the museum grounds in their uniforms and holding flags and banners representing their units, before tucking in to cakes and singing songs.

Smiles

Dudley Division commissioner Edith Jones said: "It's been a wonderful day. Just to go around and see the Brownies' smiles, that's all we want and it tells you that they've had a fantastic day and so have I. It is important for the girls to know about the history."

Emily Barnes, aged 10, from Tividale, who is a member of the 3rd Oakham Brownies, said the Big Brownie Birthday celebrations had been 'totally awesome'.

Doreen Cutler, district commissioner for Dudley East and Oakham, thanked the museum for helping make the day a success.

The Brownies were formed in 1914, four years after The Girl Guides Association, which was launched in response to girls marching through the turnstile at the first Boy Scout Rally at Crystal Palace and demanding 'something for the girls'.

When first established, the organisation was called Rosebuds but the following year it changed its name to Brownies, inspired by the book The Brownies and Other Tales, by Julianna Horatia Ewing.

Brownies joined in the war effort during the First World War, rolling bandages, and collecting books and magazines for injured soldiers. During the Second World War, when many Brownies were evacuated from their homes, some helped raise £50,000 towards the war effort in just one week by cleaning shoes and donating pocket money.

There have been Brownies in Dudley for as long as the organisation has existed.

Forty years ago — Brownies in uniform in the 1970s

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Life is sweet now boiler relaunched

VISITORS to the Black Country Living Museum can satisfy their sweet tooth as the attraction celebrates the re-launch of its sweet shop boiler.

The skill of sugar boiling has been revived at the Tipton Road museum.

From Saturday until June 1 people will be able to see emonstrations and experience the tastes, the smells and the shapes of the freshly prepared sweet treats including old favourites like pear drops, acid drops and troach sweets.

Heather Finch, sweet making demonstrator at the museum, said: "The smell of the sweet toffee melting on the furnace is delicious and my favourite part of making sweets is rolling the toffee through the 'drop machine' which is like a small mangle, with brass rollers that shape the sweets into ovals, rectangles or even fish shapes."

The sweet shop takes the name of Thomas Cook, who ran a confectionary business at 21 Bond Street, Dudley between 1871 and 1901.

Teenager punched his victim more than 25 times in a drunken attack

A thug punched his helpless victim to the head more than 25 times after a drunken argument, a court was told.

Richard Halford repeatedly rained blows on Jason Poole after the fight broke out at the junction of Tower Street and The Broadway, in Dudley. Wolverhampton Crown Court heard the victim had lashed out first, lunging at Halford and grabbing his throat.

But the hearing was told that Halford's reaction had gone 'far beyond' self-defence and became a 'sustained and vicious attack'.

Halford, 19, of Rowan Rise, Kingswinford, pleaded guilty to one count of assault occasioning actual bodily harm, which happened on February 16. He was sentenced to 10 months in a young offenders' institute suspended for two years and ordered to carry out 200 hours unpaid work. He also has to pay his victim £750 compensation.

Mr Howard Searle, prosecuting, said both men, who did not know each other, had both been drinking at the Malt Shovel pub.

"At some point they came together and started an animated discussion," he said. "The victim gestured for Halford to calm down but then lunged toward the defendant and grabbed his throat. The victim fell backwards with Halford on top."

Mr Searle said Halford had first punched Mr Poole to the head and face three or four times.

Then the pair become entangled and the victim had been punched another 14 times.

Report by Lee Watton

Mr Searle said: "At one time Halford straddled him with his knees on top of the victim's arms, disabling him. He punched him a further 10 times."

Mr Searle said the attack had continued even after Mr Poole had no longer struggled .

Mr Poole suffered swelling to the left eye and a cut behind the left ear.

Mr Benjamin Nicholls, defending Halford, said: "This was not an unprovoked attack. However that being said my client accepts that what happened could not be described as reasonable self-defence. It was out of character and exacerbated by drink. He has not drunk alcohol since then and is remorseful about what he did."

Judge Peter Barrie said: "You should be thoroughly ashamed of what you did and I think you are. Therefore I am just about persuaded to suspend the prison sentence."

Charity ride is tribute to partner

Len Phipps with fellow Georgina Unit fundraiser Karen Phillips

HE is approaching his 70th birthday but Len Phipps is preparing for a 140-mile cycle ride in tribute to his late partner. The retired sales manager is to ride from the birthplace of Carol McKie in Nelson, Lancashire, to Himley Hall to raise money for Georgina Unit at Russells Hall Hospital.

The couple were together for 13 years and lived in Laburnum Road, Kingswinford, before Mrs McKie was diagnosed with bladder cancer in 2006. She fought bravely against it but died in May last year, aged 66.

Mother-of-three Mrs McKie, an office worker at the Ridgewood High School in Stourbridge, moved to the West Midlands in 1981. To donate visit www.justgiving.com/Len-Phipps2

Pupils and mayor join celebration

SCHOOL children had a history lesson with a difference during a visit to a supermarket.

Pupils from Peter's Hill Primary School in Brierley Hill visited Sainsbury's Amblecote as part of the company's 145th anniversary celebrations.

Staff, who were in Victorian dress, helped the youngsters to take part in a range of activities, which included making artefacts for a corner display and hearing the story of Harry Webb, who was a delivery boy for Sainsbury's in 1912.

Mayor of Dudley Councillor Alan Finch joined in the activities, which also included making peg dolls and learning about the history of the Amblecote area. The mayor also cut a celebration cake.

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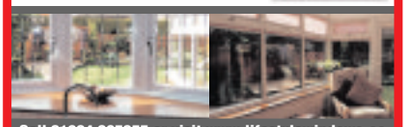

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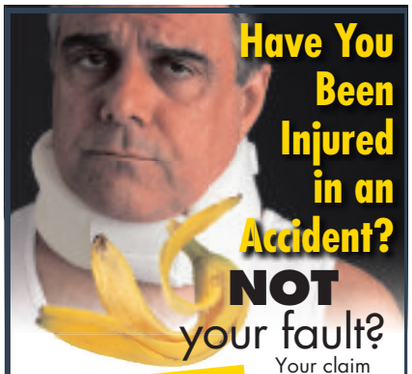

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Museum glows back in time for special night

Paul 'Moggy' Morris breathing fire at the Red By Night event at the Black Country Living Museum on Saturday

THE night sky glowed red like a fiery furnace as a museum showcased life in the industrial heartland of the Black Country.

Families packed into the Black Country Living Museum in Dudley for its Red by Night event under the stars on Saturday.

As the sun set, the fun began as the heritage museum joined other attractions across the country to take part in the annual Museums at Night festival in which attractions open up in the evening. The museum village was alive with colour as darkness descended, with live demonstrations including an impressive fire show outside the Bottle and Glass Inn.

Flames

Hundreds of people gathered around to watch as demonstrator and fire juggler Paul 'Moggy' Morris breathed flames over the heads of the crowds. They had the chance to see many of the museum's main exhibits as they had never seen them before, during darkness.

Candlelight and lamps proved the best way to discover more of the history of the region as many of the houses and shops were lit with an orange glow as people went inside to take a closer look.

The fair's Victorian helter skelter and stalls were illuminated to dazzle visitors to the event as the sounds of the old fashioned organ filled the air. People could also try their hand at traditional games including the coconut shy and tuck into delicious traditional fish and chips.

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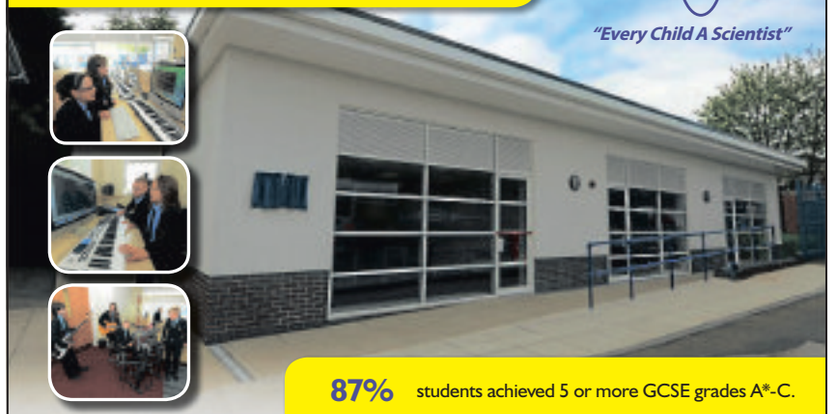

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Bizarre fun with Japanese battler

PS3 Games

FANS of fast and furious fighting games can get their kicks (and punches and explosions) in the delirious JoJo's Bizarre Adventure: All-Star Battle, in Europe exclusively for PlayStation 3 and Playstation Network.

Anyone thinking this is just a Street Fighter clone should think again, as this eye-poppingly vibrant arcade style 2D beat-em-up is in a league of its own.

Based on hugely popular Japanese manga (comics) **JoJo's Bizarre Adventure: All-Star Battle** (12, Bandai Namco Games) brings the feverishly imaginative world of manga to life.

A screenshot from JoJo's Bizarre Adventure: All-Star Battle

Arcade

Just like in the original books, which sold in their multi-millions in Japan, fans can follow the Story Mode to discover the fate of the Joestar family. Or go straight to Arcade Mode to match up some of the most bizarre and plain weird characters ever to taunt an opponent before delivering a drop-kick.

There is also a Customisation Mode for those who want to let their own imagination run riot and a Campaign Mode for those who like the long game.

In Online Mode gamers can test out their best combos against players around the world (except Japan, because maybe they're just too darn expert).

Games based on JoJo's Bizarre Adventure have been around since the 1990s but safe to say this latest addition to the franchise from Japanese developer CyberConnect2 takes things to a whole new level of crazy and compulsive action.

If manga and games overlap brilliantly in JoJo's battle, Japanese anime (animation) and games don't sit quite so well together in another PS3 title from the Land of the Rising Sun, **Short Peace: Ranko Tsukigime's Longest Day** (16, Bandai Namco Games).

This title combines on its disc four short animated films by leading anime directors and will be essential for fans of the genre, which has a cult following in the UK. But the arcade game by developer Crispy's!Inc and Suda 51 is less vital.

The rather voyeuristic approach to the cartoon schoolgirls is a little creepy in the introduction, as it sets the scene for schoolgirl assassin Ranko's revenge mission against her own father.

The side-scrolling 2D game that follows is somewhat underwhelming but it does benefit from outlandish imagination as Ranko has to race at high-speed to avoid demonic attackers and mow down enemies in her way.

It is a triumph of style over substance but I am not sure how long it would be before the weirdness is not enough to keep a player interested.

Tales Of Symphonia is a Japanese role playing game that's been around since the days of the GameCube but has never looked better than on this PS3 release.

Tales Of Symphonia Chronicles (12, Bandai Namco Games) combines a high-definition remaster of the PS2 version of the game with its Dawn Of The New World sequel that was designed originally for the Wii.

And for the authentic experience you can choose the Japanese dub for Lloyd and Colette's quest rather than the irritating US voice over.

Webslinging

The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (16, Activision) is a little less than amazing and Batman continues to be the only superhero with video games that live up to the legendary name.

However, this movie tie-in's web slinging arrangement on the triggers of the controller makes swinging around an open-world Manhattan exhilarating fun as you track down Uncle Ben's killer. The game is available for all major formats.

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Buddy's musical legacy raves on

Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story, Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

ON February 3, 1959, the world lost Charles Hardin Holley. But Don McLean was wrong. It was not the day the music died. Buddy's legacy lives on.

Buddy the stage show is celebrating 25 years, itself an indication of the influence the man had on the music scene. It's the story of the tragedy of an untimely death yet from the wreckage came some of the greatest music ever heard. And Oh, Boy! How this show delivered. — Heartbeat, That'll be The Day, Peggy Sue and Rave On, a constant reminder of Holly's talent.

Here was a man ahead of his time. In Glen Joseph, this Grand production, which runs until Saturday, has a man who has the looks, personality and sound of Buddy off to a tee. He was ably supported by a superb cast, who all deserve acclaim.

There was the odd laugh providing a light-hearted touch at what is ultimately a poignant look at a too short-lived existence.

Who cannot fail to be moved by such songs as it Doesn't Matter Anymore, Raining In My Heart and True Love Ways?

With a well-deserved standing ovation at the end., this faultless show is a must-see for Buddy Holly fans.

Mark Shipp

Reviews

EofE get McBusted showcase

McBusted, EofE, LG Arena

STARS in the making Dudley band EofE were best of three supports for McBusted as they caught the ears of 13,000 with a mash-up of Michael Jackson's Billie Jean with Nirvana's Smells Like Teen Spirit.

It nicely warmed up the crowd of McFly and Busted fans as 17-year-old singer Tom Harris, of Netherton, proved a plucky frontman, whilst Dan Bremner, 19, of Gornal, was adept at classic rock guitar poses. They impressed alongside other up-and-comers Young Brando and Hollywood Ending. EofE showcased new single Lust and free download Kiss Me Like You Mean It.

McBusted feature six of the two bands' original seven (ex-Busted frontman Charlie Simpson is resolutely solo). McFly shot out of the stage as the Busted duo arrived in a Back To The Future DeLorean to play a 100 minute set featuring all the hits from Air Hostess and Year 3000 to 5 Colours In Her Hair and Obviously. They do it all again on Tuesday.

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Wolverhampton teens Callum Osbourne and Harry Ondrak-Wright in Lord of the Flies

Savage energy on display as schoolboys go wild in theatre

Lord of the Flies, Birmingham Hippodrome

CHOREOGRAPHERS Matthew Bourne and Scott Ambler take William Golding's novel about schoolboys reverting to tribal violence on a jungle island and relocate it in an abandoned theatre where the boys are trapped when sheltering from a riot.

It meant his New Adventures dance company made full use of the Hippodrome, though confusingly the setting still echoed to jungle sounds. The stranded party of well-drilled uniformed schoolboys rapidly turned into a feral gang of swaggering bullies with painted faces, whooping and grunting as they hunted younger or more timid boys.

The production featured 22 amateur dancers from the Midlands and it was to their credit that, apart from their youth, you could not easily tell them from the New Adventures professionals. Take a bow Black Country boys Brad Guest, Dereece Leigh-Gayle, Declan Lewis, Harry Ondrak-Wright, Callum Osbourne.

Bourne's ballet has menace, especially a dream scene where pig-masked hoodies manhandle one of the boys, and a stunning score of propulsive music by Terry Davies.

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Other places on the itinerary include, The Krka Valley, home to an eye-catching series of lakes where water cascades from one to the next in a series of interlocking waterfalls and cataracts; the town of Split, principally famous for a single building – the huge palace of the Emperor Diocletian, where there is a guided tour of this fascinating complex; the citadel of Trogir, one of the most charming ports in Dalmatia plus the ancient town of Mostar, with its 16th century mosques, Turkish houses and 19th century town hall and amazing bridge linking the two halves of the old town.

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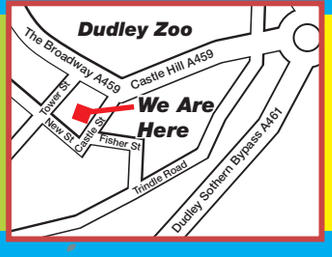

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Garden guru loves getting hands dirty

HOME AND GARDEN

TV gardening guru Alan Titchmarsh is looking forward to getting his hands dirty at RHS Chelsea Flower Show this weekend.

Instead of wearing a sharp suit to present the show, for the first time in 30 years, he will be wearing a pair of gloves and designing a garden instead.

Obviously, there's a substantial chance it will be rather good too – not only is Titchmarsh one of the country's best-known gardening presenters, but back in 1985, when Titchmarsh last designed a garden at the prestigious Chelsea, he was awarded an RHS Gold Medal for his Country Kitchen garden.

Volunteers

He will also be joining forces with another RHS Chelsea Flower Show Gold Medal winner, Kate Gould, to create From The Moors To The Sea – a celebration of 50 years of the RHS Britain in Bloom campaign, to represent how 300,000 volunteers help to make Britain bloom and explore Alan's relationship with horticulture through his life.

"It's 50 years since I started work as an apprentice, so I thought I could either do a 1960s-style garden through to the 21st century, but the sixties were a bit dull, all rose beds and lawns.

"So I thought, why don't I demonstrate where I first started, which was the Yorkshire moors, up to where I garden now, on the coast on the Isle of Wight?

"So we will be sloping from moorland at the back, with dry stone walls, coming down to a seaside garden at the front. It's 50 years of 'my journey', to use the X Factor phrase.

"It's also showing the British Isles and its variety. Being a cool temperate set of islands, the range we can grow is incredibly wide and this will show the richness of the British Isles."

He'll be featuring pines, heathers and birches from the moorland, through wild flowers, down to seaside plants including echiums and cabbage palms. It will be a 10m by 15m microcosm of British gardens and landscapes. It sounds great, but how does Titchmarsh feel about not presenting the Chelsea coverage for the first time in 30 years?

Last year Titchmarsh announced he was stepping down from the BBC's coverage of Chelsea after programme-makers offered him a more 'limited' role, although he remains RHS vice president and first ambassador.

Alan is enjoying producing his own exhibit for the show

Criteria

"[I feel] wonderful," he insists. "I'm putting a show garden together – I've done it before and I love doing it. It's technically an exhibit but will look like a show garden. It's not being judged but the same criteria and standard of finish will have to be there. I've moved on, there was disappointment but it's gone, I'm over it. There's no point in dwelling on things."

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Tools for the Job

You wouldn't cook in a dirty kitchen, so why would you grill on a dirty barbecue? To deep clean your grill you will need the following products: A brass wire brush, small bucket of hot water, washing up liquid, a venturi brush (flexible wire brush with cleaning bristles), a 1.5mm (1/16") drill bit, replacement grease cups, spatula, stainless steel cleaner and fine sandpaper.

Clean inside and out

Detach burners. Pass venturi brush through them to force out blockages, then brush tops using wire brush. Check all burner ports to ensure they are opened. If some are closed with food use a 1.5mm drill bit to open them.

Sear plates and cooking grates. Wash with hot soapy water then brush top side of grates with little oil to re-season them. External Base and sides of grill: Use hot soapy water to remove grease. Lids: On porcelain lids a thorough washing should suffice, for stainless steel lids, a stainless steel cleaner should be used. Once dry, brush the cast aluminium with olive oil. Internal base of grill: Use spatula to scrape grease from inside all the way down towards the drip pan. Remove the drip pan and give it a good wash and be sure to replace the tin foil grease catcher.

Inspect for Damage

Visually inspect all hoses and feed tubes on your grill. Look for any damage; if you detect any, it is time to replace the hoses.

Sun is shining – time to dust off that barbecue and get the family round

Check for Leaks

A leak test is ideally performed annually and certainly any time a grill has been in storage for a prolonged period or when grill components are changed.

Ready for Ignition

Finally check out how it lights. For battery ignitions it is a good idea to replace the batteries. Check all electrode and ignition leads and ensure tips of electrodes are clean. Use sandpaper to clean them. For more information visit www.napoleongrills.co.uk

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Swim Deep to play new venue

A NEW music venue opens in the Digbeth area of Birmingham this weekend with a home city concert by Swim Deep on Saturday.

The Oobleck at the Custard Factory arts, retail and business complex is in Alfie Bird's, which also contains a pizzeria, cocktail bar and exhibition space.

Supporting the indie pop outfit, who last year released their debut album Where The Heaven Are We, will be Brighton band The Magic Gang and new Birmingham quartet Juice.

The venue will be officially launched by comic Barbara Nice tomorrow night with the Moselele Singalong and Felix Martin from Hot Chip has a DJ set on Sunday. See www.alfiebirds.co.uk for details.

Art imitates life at New Alexandra

TRIBUTES to rock and pop legends are vying for attention at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre.

Tonight Lee 'Memphis' King presents One Night of Elvis at the Station Street venue. Tomorrow it's The Carpenters Story paying tribute to siblings Karen and Richard.

On Thursday, May 29, The Simon and Garfunkel Story features Dean Elliot, as Paul, from West End show Buddy and Jonny Smart as Art. Fans of the duo will be able to experience half of the real thing when Art Garfunkel is at the Alex on September 6.

Grand unveils a blockbuster new season of music and drama

Home turf dates for rising star

BLACK Country musician Kim Lowings will be coming home for a concert this month as part of a tour which has taken her and her band all over Britain.

The Stourbridge folk singer/songwriter who fronts The Greenwood, a collective made up of local musicians, will be playing Stourbridge Folk Club at Katie Fitzgerald's pub, Enville Street, Stourbridge, on May 29.

On June 21 Lowings will be performing at The Green Duck Brewery, Stourbridge, and on June 30 you can catch the band at The Crescent Theatre Bar in Birmingham.

The band, including Tim Rogers and Andrew Lowings, will be appearing at Bromsgrove and Warwick folk festivals in July before coming back to her home town on September 6 at Stourbridge Folk Festival at the Redhouse Cone.

Black Country folk singer Kim Lowings is coming home

BLOCKBUSTER musical Barnum and a comedy that has taken the theatre world by storm are coming to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre, which has annouced it's winter season.

Panto favourite Brian Conley is one of the stars on his way to the Lichfield Street venue as 'the greatest showman on earth' in a revival of the hit musical Barnum, which will visit the city in late January.

Conley is no stranger to the Midlands as a regular in panto at Birmingham Hippodrome and having starred in drag as Edna Turnblad when Hairspray came to the Grand.

The National Theatre's madcap farce One Man, Two Guvnors will run at the Grand from March 16 to 21 with the lead role, first played by James Corden, being taken by Shaun Williamson, who will be starring alongside fellow former EastEnders regular Emma Barton.

Award-winning play The Curious Incident of The Dog in the Night Time, which recently moved West End theatres after a ceiling collapsed, will be coming to the Grand on tour from February 16 to 21. English Touring Theatre will present the Royal Shakespeare Company production of A Mad World My Masters, from February 26 to 28. Classic Arthur Miller drama A View from the Bridge will be at the theatre from March 24 to 28.

This autumn the centenary of the First World War will be marked with performances of Pat Barker's Regeneration. The novel looking at war and its devastating effects has been adapted for the stage by award-winning playwright Nicholas Wright and is staged fromNovember 4 to 8.

Two of the most anticipated shows are the musicals Dirty Dancing, from September 23 to October 11, and West End hit Top Hat, from October 21 to November 1. Meanwhile, the King of Pop Michael Jackson will be celebrated when tribute show Thriller Live returns to the Grand from November 11 to 15.

Newly-announced one night shows include The Magic of Motown on July 13, Soul Legends on September 13 and the return of cruise ship star, from Loose Women, Jane McDonald on September 17.

Brian Conley to star in musical Barnum

Musicals will also dominate the summer with the new stage version of rock 'n' roll sitcom Happy Days on June 10 to 14 and the Marc Bolan story 20th Century Boy, featuring T Rex's hits, from June 30 to July 5.

Meanwhile, tickets are already selling fast for this year's panto Cinderella which will star Julian Clary. He will be joined by Joe Tracini, Hollyoaks actor and son of last year's pantomime star Joe Pasquale.

For tickets contact the box office on 01902 429212 or visit www.grandtheatre.co.uk

Comedy gala will help youth theatre

WOLVERHAMPTON'S own comedy group Pappys, stars of BBC 3's Badults, are among a stellar line-up performing at the Hilarity Charity Gala 2014.

The show at the Grand Theatre on Thursday, May 29, is in aid of the city's Central Youth Theatre.

The show will be compered by Perrier award winner Daniel Kitson. The acts include Josh Widdicombe from Mock The Week, BBC Radio 4's Isy Suttie, 8 Out Of 10 Cats regulars Jon Richardson and Elis James, and Edinburgh Fringe favourite Josie Long. Tickets costs £20 (concessions £15). The age guidance is 14 plus.

Get tickets at www.grandtheatre.co.uk or by calling (01902) 429212.

Going around in Circles at The Rep

AN actress and a playwright, both from Birmingham, team up at The Rep for a play about domestic abuse which is set on the city's No11 bus route.

Circles by Handsworth-born Rachel Delahay is directed by Tessa Walker and stars Sarah Manners, best known for roles in Doctors and Casualty. It is staged at Birmingham Rep's The Door venue until Saturday.

Joseph Heller's Catch-22 is currently in the main house. Game Of Thrones actor Owen Teale will be in Dylan Thomas centenary production Under Milk Wood from June 2 to 7.

CHOICE

Joanna Lumley

50 Years of BBC2 Comedy (BBC2, 9pm)

BBC Two's 50th birthday backslapping began in April, but who can blame the powers-that-be for making the most of its milestone anniversary? As this programme reminds us, when it comes to comedy, the channel has a lot to celebrate. Right from the start, BBC Two was the home of groundbreaking and iconic shows – in its first year alone, it gave us The Likely Lads and Not Only... But Also. This year's W1A proved, BBC Two isn't afraid to laugh at itself either, but for tonight, a who's who of British comedy – including Ricky Gervais, Eric Idle, Michael Palin, Terry Jones, Vic and Bob, The Goodies, Ian Hislop, Sarah Millican and Prunella Scales will be singing the channel's praises and discussing their own contributions to five decades of laughs.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigellissima. (R) **12.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.15 Film:** Father of the Bride. (1991) Comedy remake, starring Steve Martin. **4.55** A Question of Sport. (R) **5.25** Formula 1: Monaco Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights.

6.40 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present a sitcom special of the unorthodox quiz show. Vicki Michelle, Ian Lavender, Simon Day, Arabella Weir, Meera Syal, Phil Cornwell, Ewen MacIntosh and Simon Greenall try to come up with the least popular correct answers to questions posed to members of the public, hoping to win a jackpot sum. (R)

7.50 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Dale Winton presents the quiz in which contestants pit their wits to scoop a big cash prize. Includes the Lotto and Thunderball draws hosted by Gaby Roslin, with music by Lee Mead.

8.40 Casualty. Cal assists a family torn apart by sibling rivalry and Tess helps a pregnant teenager stand up to her controlling father. Ash and Zoe realise Connie has been manipulating them.

9.30 The Guess List. Warwick Davis, Jane Horrocks, Rachel Riley, Gary Lineker and Russell Grant help contestants answer all sorts of everyday questions. Game show, with Rob Brydon. Last in the series.

10.10 BBC News; Weather.

10.30 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes ends up at the wrong venue after trying to gatecrash Maria's hen party. She then tries to impress the bride-to-be's mother during a dinner date, but the evening ends in chaos; (R) National Lottery Update.

11.00 Live at the Apollo. Dara O Briain warms up the crowd before introducing stand-up routines by ventriloquist extraordinaire Nina Conti and the irrepressible Danny Bhoy. (R)

11.30 The Football League Show. Derby County v Queens Park Rangers. Action from the Championship play-off final at Wembley Stadium.

12.15 Film: No Way Out. (1987) **2.05** Weatherview. **2.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 Film: Slaughter Trail. (1951) **7.30** Great British Menu. (R) **8.00** Great British Menu. (R) **8.30** Great British Menu. (R) **9.00** Great British Menu. (R) **9.30** Great British Menu. (R) **10.00** World Cup Films. **10.15** World Cup Films. **11.45** Inspire: Rwanda Special. **12.00** Two Greedy Italians. (R) **1.00** Raymond Blanc's Kitchen Secrets. (R) **1.30** Sophia Loren: Talking Pictures. **2.05 Film:** El Cid. (1961) Historical epic drama, starring Charlton Heston. **5.00** Flog It!

6.00 Golf: The PGA Championship. Hazel Irvine introduces highlights of the third day of one of the tour's most prestigious events, held at Wentworth in Surrey. This event has been decided by a play-off in two of the last three years, and it was Matteo Manassero who triumphed in 2013, as he defeated Simon Khan and Marc Warren. With commentary by Peter Alliss, Ken Brown and Andrew Cotter.

7.00 The Mysterious Mr Webster. James Shapiro investigates the life of dramatist John Webster, whose The Duchess of Malfi was the most frequently performed play of the Jacobean period not written by Shakespeare.

8.00 RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2014. Monty Don, Joe Swift and Nicki Chapman round off BBC Two's coverage of the show with the plant sell-off and the presenters share their favourite moments from this year's event.

9.00 50 Years of BBC2 Comedy. As part of BBC2's 50th birthday celebrations, Joanna Lumley narrates a programme celebrating the channel's comedy output, from The Likely Lads and Not Only... But Also in 1964 through to W1A and Rev from this year. Including moments from shows by Monty Python and Spike Milligan, as well as clips of The League of Gentlemen, The Office, Miranda and Fawlty Towers. With contributions by Ricky Gervais, Eric Idle, Michael Palin, Terry Jones, Alan Alda, Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer, the Goodies, Catherine Tate, Bill Bailey, Ian Hislop, Armando Iannucci, Prunella Scales, Charlie Brooker and Paul Whitehouse.

11.00 Film: Bend It Like Beckham. (2002) Comedy, starring Parminder Nagra.

12.45 The Story of Slapstick. (R) **1.45 Film:** The Salt of Life. (2011) **3.10** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Dino Dan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.20** Digimon Fusion. (R) **7.45** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.00** Adventure Time. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.15** ITV News; Weather. **11.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **12.20** Storage Hoarders. (R) **1.20 Film:** Beethoven's 4th. (2001) Comedy sequel, starring Judge Reinhold. **3.05** Peter Andre's 60 Minute Makeover. (R) **4.05** Off Their Rockers. (R) **4.35** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. (R) **5.35** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 Let Me Entertain You. Hairdressers and staff at a community theatre gym go head to head with their take on a famous song, and Michael Underwood showcases viewers' home-made videos for Katy Perry's Roar.

6.30 New You've Been Framed! Harry Hill puts his own spin on viewers' clips, featuring a bungled balcony theft in the Home Counties and the world's most inappropriate birthday present. Last in the series.

7.00 Live UEFA Champions League Final. Real Madrid v Atletico Madrid (Kick-off 7.45pm). Coverage of the showpiece match at the Estadio da Luz in Lisbon, where European club football's premier competition concludes. This is the first time the fixture has been played between two clubs from the same city, and Atletico would love nothing more than to prevent their rivals from winning the trophy for the 10th time, having been a revelation this season under coach Diego Simeone. Real have beaten German opposition in all three rounds of the knockout stage, while Atletico ended Chelsea's chances with victory at Stamford Bridge in the semi-finals. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

10.15 ITV News; Weather.

10.30 The Americans. Philip befriends a former engineer to find out more about the stealth programme, while Elizabeth is shocked when she uncovers new information about Kate.

11.30 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Peter Andre. (R)

12.30 Jackpot247. **3.00** Dinner Date: Australia. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 The Hoobs. (R) **6.30** Trans World Sport. **7.30** The Grid. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Weekend Kitchen. **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.50** The Simpsons. (R) **12.20** The Simpsons. (R) **12.45** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. (R) **1.40** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Haydock Park, Goodwood and the Curragh. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.15 Come Dine with Me. Frenchman Denis Verrier hosts the final dinner party in Bath, and hopes his experience of working in the hospitality industry will secure him the £1,000 prize. (R)

6.40 Channel 4 News.

7.05 The Restoration Man. Architect George Clarke meets a furniture-maker who wants to create a home out of a colossal Second World War RAF bunker with no natural light and a back section submerged in water. (R)

8.00 Grand Designs. Commercial architect Martin Walker and his art-director wife Kae want to build the ultimate family home near York, inspired by a giant farm shed. However, her idea for a warm and cosy design conflicts dramatically with his penchant for building large square warehouses, and finding something they both agree on proves extremely challenging on their tight budget. Kevin McCloud follows the couple's progress. (R)

9.00 Film: The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn – Part 1. (2011) Premiere. Peaceful vampire Edward marries his human girlfriend Bella, who is soon pregnant. However, the existence of this child has dangerous implications for them and the people around them, and a pack of werewolves is determined to prevent the birth by any means necessary. The first half of the two-part conclusion to the romantic fantasy series, with Kristen Stewart.

11.15 Film: Copycat. (1995) A psychologist traumatised by an attempt on her life agrees to help the police hunt for a serial killer re-enacting famous murders. Thriller, with Sigourney Weaver.

1.35 Film: Basic Instinct 2. (2006) **3.35** Hollyoaks. (R) **5.35** SuperScrimpers. (R) **5.50** The Hoobs. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **10.15** Access. **10.25** Classic Car Rescue. (R) **11.25 Film:** 633 Squadron. (1964) **1.15 Film:** Columbo: Uneasy Lies the Crown. (1990) Crime drama, with Peter Falk. **3.15 Film:** Columbo: Caution – Murder Can Be Hazardous to Your Health. (1991) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **5.10 Film:** Jesse Stone: No Remorse. (2010)

6.45 5 News Weekend.

6.50 Longmire. Walt receives a call from a man about a distressed young woman in his store, but later finds the shopkeeper has been killed and the girl has run off. Walt calls on Henry and the Ferg to help track her down and they pick up a trail that leads to a rabbit hutch, where they find an abandoned baby.

7.40 Longmire. When the president of the tribal council is found dead in his car on county land, it is clear to Walt that the body has been moved from the original crime scene. He discovers that the victim had a gambling problem and delves into the seedy world of an illegal poker game held in a tattoo parlour. Meanwhile, the sheriff also deals with feelings of betrayal when he finds out Cady and Branch are having an affair.

8.30 NCIS. A Navy pilot who was wearing an experimental jet pack is murdered in a secluded area, and the strange circumstances of the case lead the team into a confrontation with a no-nonsense attorney who appears to hold a grudge against Gibbs. Crime drama, starring Mark Harmon. (R)

9.30 The NCIS Movie: War on Terror. Feature-length episode. A military aircraft transporting the bodies of US marines back home crashes before reaching its destination, and Gibbs and the team are called in to help identify human remains at the site of the wreckage. However, a DNA discrepancy turns a routine investigation into a search for a missing person. (R)

11.15 NCIS. Gibbs discovers Tony's father is linked to the team's latest investigation, which involves an assassination attempt on a Saudi prince. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. **3.05** DIY Dummies. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.30** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 Lily Allen & Ed Sheeran @R1BW **8.00** One Direction & Pharrell @R1BW **9.00** Calvin Harris & Example @R1BW **9.55** Coldplay Live @R1BW **11.00** Family Guy **12.30** American Dad! **1.15** Sweat the Small Stuff **1.45** England's Worst Ever Football Team **2.45** Impractical Jokers **3.15** Russell Howard's Good News **3.45** Great TV Mistakes **3.55** Close

BBC Four

7.00 Jazz Legends in Their Own Words **8.00** Jazz 625 at the BBC **9.00** Wallander **10.30** History of the Eagles **12.30** Top of the Pops: 1979 **1.10** Sounds of the 70s 2 New Wave – Hit Me with Your Rhythm Stick **1.40** Jazz 625 at the BBC **2.40** Jazz Legends in Their Own Words **3.40** Close

ITV2

12.10 Britain's Got More Talent **1.10** You've Been Framed! **2.15** You've Been Framed and Famous! **3.20 Film:** The Mighty Ducks (1992) **5.30 Film:** Nanny McPhee (2005) **7.25 Film:** Star Wars: Episode IV – A New Hope (1977) **10.00** Celebrity Juice **11.00** Viral Tap **11.45 Film:** The Nutty Professor (1996) **1.40** Mom **2.05** You've Been Framed! **2.30** Life's Funniest Moments **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

12.35 Jane Austen's Emma **2.45** Agatha Christie's Marple **4.55** Rosemary & Thyme **6.00** Lewis **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** Bomb Girls **12.00** A Touch of Frost **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4

11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. **8.00** BRDC Formula 4 Championship Highlights **9.00 Film:** Extreme Measures (1996) **11.25 Film:** Serenity (2005) **1.45** Warren United **2.15** Highway Patrol **2.40** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

2.00 How I Met Your Mother **3.00** The Big Bang Theory **4.00** Made in Chelsea **5.00** Youngers **5.30** How I Met Your Mother **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** The Tomorrow People **9.00 Film:** Die Hard 2 (1990) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory **12.30** The Inbetweeners **1.30** Rude Tube **2.30** How I Met Your Mother **3.15** The Cleveland Show **4.00** Made in Chelsea **4.55** Ugly Betty

Film4

11.00 The Last Wagon (1956) **1.00** Letters to Juliet (2010) **3.05** Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009) **4.50** City of Ember (2008) **6.40** Mona Lisa Smile (2003) **9.00** The American (2010) **11.05** Scary Movie 2 (2001) **12.40** Carriers (2009) **2.20** The Comedian (2012) **4.00** Close

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The British Soap Awards 2014
(ITV, 8.15pm)
It's a tense time for soap fans – there's the ongoing mystery of who killed Lucy Beale on EastEnders, and Coronation Street is launching a whodunit of its own this week. But if you just want to know who the sexiest male in soap is, you're in for a much shorter wait as Phillip Schofield hosts the British Soap Awards from the Hackney Empire in London. It's a chance to look back over 12 months of drama in Walford, Weatherfield, Hollyoaks, Emmerdale, and Doctors' Letherbridge, including one of the biggest TV talking points of the year – the death of Corrie's Hayley Cropper, with David Neilson and Julie Hesmondhalgh (aka Roy and Hayley) are in the runner for Best Actor and Actress respectively, as well as Best On-Screen Partnership.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Countryfile. (R) **2.15** Flog It! Trade Secrets. **2.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.15** Points of View. **3.30** Brazil with Michael Palin. (R) **4.30** Songs of Praise. **5.05** Formula 1: Monaco Grand Prix – Highlights.

6.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker is at the childhood home of Charles Darwin in Shropshire, helping to restore the garden's "thinking path", where as a young man the naturalist would spend his mornings in silent contemplation with his father. Ellie Harrison visits a project to create a habitat for the rare water vole and John Craven finds out about a plan that saved thousands of lives during the Second World War. Adam Henson handles rare ponies on the Queen's Balmoral estate in Scotland and Tom Heap reveals how and why walkers are occasionally injured – or in rare cases killed – by bulls and cows. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce heads back to Scotland, where a crowd awaits the opinions of the experts at the National Gallery of Modern Art in Edinburgh. Items include a sketchbook believed to have been made on the journey from England to Australia in 1851 aboard the SS Great Britain, a maritime landscape painting found in a skip and a jade Buddhist lion dog.

9.00 Quirke. New series. Crime drama set in 1950s Dublin, starring Gabriel Byrne as the city's chief pathologist. Quirke is surprised to find his adoptive brother Malachy, an obstetric consultant, meddling in the case of a recently deceased young woman, so he performs a full post-mortem. With no love lost between the men, he is determined to call his relative to account – but as he digs deeper he threatens to uncover a long-buried secret that should have been left untold.

10.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

11.00 Vote 2014 – Europe. David Dimbleby presents the results of the European ballots.

3.00 Weatherview. **3.05** BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 Film: The Saint's Double Trouble. (1940) **7.20 Film:** The Saint Takes Over. (1940) **8.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.00** World Cup Films. **10.25** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.55** Two Greedy Italians. (R) **12.55 Film:** They Came to Cordura. (1959) Military adventure, starring Gary Cooper. **2.55** Gymnastics: European Championships. **5.30** Charley Hull – Teenage Tigress.

6.00 Golf: PGA Championship. Hazel Irvine presents highlights of the fourth day of one of the tour's most prestigious events, held at Wentworth in Surrey. This was the 60th staging of the tournament, which came to a close with the players tackling the par-72 course that has staged this competition every year since 1984. With commentary by Peter Alliss, Ken Brown and Andrew Cotter.

7.00 Tropic of Cancer. Simon Reeve traces the path of the northern tropic around the globe, a journey in which he explores the environment, culture, history, politics and people of 18 countries. He begins in Baja California on Mexico's Pacific coast, crossing the country's rugged interior, before heading east to Cuba and ending the first leg in the Bahamas. (R)

8.00 The Best of Top Gear. A final selection of highlights from the last two series, looking back at Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May's most memorable stunts and challenges. Last in the series.

9.00 Harry & Paul's Story of the 2s. Harry Enfield and Paul Whitehouse take an irreverent look at the history of BBC Two, featuring parodies of The Office, Boys from the Blackstuff, Arena and The Apprentice.

10.00 Absolutely Fabulous. Edina is horrified when Bubble tells her she is about to be visited by an ultra-thin model she knew in the 1960s and decides to lose some weight. Guest starring Alexandra Bastedo. (R)

10.30 Steve Coogan: The Inside Story. Profile of the comedy actor. (R)

11.30 Film: A Cock and Bull Story. (2006) An egotistical comedian wrestles with personal issues while starring in a movie of a supposedly unfilmable novel. Comedy, with Steve Coogan and Rob Brydon.

1.00 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.00** Holby City. (R) **3.00** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.20** Digimon Fusion. (R) **7.45** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.00** Deadtime Stories. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** Love Your Garden. (R) **12.25** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** Long Lost Family. (R) **1.35** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **2.20 Film:** Black Beauty. (1994) Family drama, starring Sean Bean. **4.00** Let Me Entertain You. (R) **4.30** Midsomer Murders. (R)

6.30 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Britain's Got Talent. Ant and Dec present the concluding round of auditions, before Simon Cowell, David Walliams, Amanda Holden and Alesha Dixon make their selections for the live semi-finals. Continues tomorrow.

8.15 The British Soap Awards 2014. From the Hackney Empire in London, Phillip Schofield hosts the star-studded ceremony celebrating the best of Coronation Street, EastEnders, Emmerdale, Hollyoaks and Doctors over the past 12 months. Famous faces from the entertainment world hand out awards in 14 categories, including Villain of the Year, featuring Charlie Brooks (EastEnders' Janine), Dominic Power (Emmerdale's resident serial killer Cameron) and no less than three Hollyoaks baddies – Greg Wood (Trevor), Jesse Birdsall (Fraser) and Anna Passey (Sienna). David Neilson and Julie Hesmondhalgh (Corrie couple Roy and Hayley) are nominated for Best On-Screen Partnership as well as the individual Actor and Actress gongs, while David makes a third shortlist in Best Dramatic Performance.

10.20 Perspectives: Bruce Forsyth on Sammy Davis Jr. The veteran entertainer explores the life and work of the US singer, dancer and actor who emerged from the dying days of vaudeville and rose to superstardom. Last in the series. Sammy and Bruce can be seen at 11.45pm.

11.25 ITV News; Weather.

11.45 Sammy and Bruce. (R)

12.40 The Store. **2.40** Motorsport UK. **3.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **4.10** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** Rory Bremner's Great British Views. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** Ginetta Challenge. **7.10** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.35** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Secret Eaters. (R) **1.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **3.05** The Simpsons. (R) **3.35 Film:** Hocus Pocus. (1993) Supernatural Disney comedy, starring Bette Midler. **5.30** Deal or No Deal.

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Four Rooms. Jeff Salmon, Wendy Meakin, Raj Bisram and Peter Ratcliffe lock horns over a unique silver American football helmet, a rare Rolling Stones LP signed by Andy Warhol, a sculpture of Jesus Christ, an antique big-cat skull and a full-size replica of the time-travelling DeLorean sports car from Back to the Future. Meeting each of the dealers in a separate room, the sellers must judge when to part with their valuable items and when to walk out on an offer. Presented by Anita Rani.

8.00 For the Love of Cars. Ant Anstead sets out to restore a DeLorean DMC-12, while Philip Glenister heads to America to research the story of the car with the unique design that was made famous in the Back to the Future trilogy. Very few DeLoreans were ever made, after the company collapsed following allegations of improper conduct. Philip meets former workers at the original production site, superfans of the vehicle and the daughter of its creator John DeLorean.

9.00 Fargo. Gus and Molly team up in Duluth, and while Malvo executes his master plan, Lester tries to craft one of his own as his life continues to crumble around him. American drama inspired by the Coen brothers' hit film, starring Billy Bob Thornton, Martin Freeman, Colin Hanks and Allison Tolman.

10.05 Film: Kick-Ass. (2010) A teenager tries to become a superhero, but finds real-life crime-fighting much more dangerous than in comics. Action comedy, starring Aaron Taylor-Johnson and Chloe Grace Moretz.

12.25 Film: Berberian Sound Studio. (2012) **1.55** Southland. **2.40** Utopia. (R) **3.35** Just Not Cricket. (R) **3.40** Four Rooms. (R) **4.35** Hugh's 3 Good Things. (R) **5.05** SuperScrimpers. (R) **5.10** Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.35** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.20** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.45** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.50** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.15** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.40** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers Super Samurai. (R) **10.35** Power Rangers Megaforce. (R) **11.10** Access. **11.20** Meerkat Manor. (R) **11.50 Film:** Ace Ventura: Pet Detective. (1994) **1.35 Film:** Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment. (1985) Comedy sequel, starring Steve Guttenberg. **3.15 Film:** Wild Wild West. (1999) Sci-fi Western comedy, starring Will Smith. **5.10 Film:** The Time Machine. (2002) Sci-fi adventure.

6.55 5 News Weekend.

7.00 Cricket on 5: ODI England v Sri Lanka. England v Sri Lanka. Mark Nicholas presents action from the second fixture in the one-day series, which took place at the Emirates Durham International Cricket Ground.

8.00 Film: Ghost Rider. (2007) Motorcycle stuntman Johnny Blaze sells his soul to diabolical Mephistopheles to save the life of his father. His bargain dooms him to pass each night as Ghost Rider, a demonic skeletal biker bound to take evil souls to Hell. However, conflict between Mephistopheles and his son offers Johnny the chance to win back his humanity. Fantasy thriller based on the comic-book, starring Nicolas Cage.

10.00 Film: Drive Angry. (2011) A man breaks out of Hell to track down the cult leader who has murdered his daughter and plans to sacrifice her baby. Fantasy thriller, starring Nicolas Cage and Amber Heard.

11.55 Car Crime UK: Caught on Camera. How CCTV and technological advances are helping tackle the problem of vehicle theft, including footage that helped put an end to one of London's most prolific gangs. (R)

12.55 SuperCasino. **3.05** Classic Car Rescue. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.30** The Funky Valley Show.

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Rita Ora & London Grammar @ R1BW **8.00** Tinie Tempah & Kings of Leon @R1BW **9.00** Paolo Nutini & Kasabian @R1BW **10.00** In the Flesh **11.00** Katy Perry @R1BW **12.00** Family Guy **12.45** In the Flesh **1.45** Tyger Takes on the Perfect Body **2.45** Great Movie Mistakes – Not in 3D **3.00** In the Flesh **4.00** Close

BBC Four
7.00 The Mysterious Mr Webster **8.00** The Duchess of Malfi: BBC Arts at the Globe **10.30** Secret Voices of Hollywood **12.00** Nat King Cole: Afraid of the Dark **1.30** Legends: Herb Alpert – Tijuana Brass and Other Delights **2.30** Queens of Jazz: The Joy and Pain of the Jazz Divas **3.30** Sounds of the 70s 2: Art House Glam – Get in the Swing **3.40** Close

ITV2
11.45 Ashley Roberts: The Hot Desk **11.55** Totally You've Been Framed! **12.55** You've Been Framed! **1.25 Film:** Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **3.10 Film:** The Lost World: Jurassic Park (1997) **5.45 Film:** Star Wars: Episode V – The Empire Strikes Back (1980) **8.15** Britain's Got More Talent **9.20** Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! **10.00** Viral Tap **10.45** Britain's Got Talent **12.00** Britain's Got More Talent **1.05** Mom **1.50** The Vampire Diaries **2.35** Life's Funniest Moments

ITV3
11.40 Agatha Christie's Marple **1.45** Rosemary & Thyme **2.45** Live French Open Tennis. **8.00** Lewis **12.05 Film:** The Human Stain (2003) **2.15** William and Mary **3.15** Judge Judy **3.35** ITV3 Nightscreen **4.00** Emmerdale

ITV4
3.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. **7.55** French Open Tennis **9.00 Film:** Serenity (2005) **11.25 Film:** Child's Play 2 (1990) **1.10** Monaco Historic Grand Prix 2014 **2.10** Motorway Patrol **2.40** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
12.30 Youngers **1.00** Made in Chelsea **2.05** Revenge **3.00** How I Met Your Mother **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **5.00** The Tomorrow People **6.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Troy **8.00 Film:** Romancing the Stone (1984) **10.10** The Inbetweeners **11.10** The Big Bang Theory **12.10** Rude Tube **1.15** Troy **2.15** Rules of Engagement **3.00** 2 Broke Girls

Film4
11.00 The Long Arm (1956) **1.00** Leap Year (2010) **2.55** Warlords of Atlantis (1978) **4.50** Big (1988) **6.55** Step Up (2006) **9.00** Friends with Benefits (2011) **11.10** Fatal Attraction (1987) **1.30** The Serpent (2006) **3.55** Close

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Film Choices

MONDAY
Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides, BBC1, 8pm
Captain Jack Sparrow sets sail in search of the legendary fountain of youth. His mission puts him up against a mysterious woman from his past, old enemy Barbossa, now in the employ of the British Navy, and the most feared pirate of them all, the dreaded Blackbeard. Fantasy adventure sequel, with Johnny Depp, Penelope Cruz and Ian McShane. (2011)

TUESDAY
White Oleander, BBC1, 11.45pm
A 15-year-old girl's happy life is thrown into upheaval when her mother is sentenced to life imprisonment for murdering her lover. Astrid spends the rest of her adolescence drifting from one foster home to another, but her mother remains a constant influence in her life. Drama based on Janet Fitch's novel, starring Alison Lohman, Michelle Pfeiffer, Renee Zellweger, Robin Wright and Billy Connolly. (2002)

Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides, Monday, BBC1, 8pm

WEDNESDAY
Total Recall, ITV, 11.10pm
A construction worker pays to have fake memories of a dream holiday implanted into his brain, but discovers his mind has already been tampered with - apparently to erase his true identity as a secret agent from a colony on Mars. He journeys to the planet in search of the truth, but is drawn into a conflict between the tyrannical ruler and a rebel faction. Paul Verhoeven's sci-fi thriller, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. (1990)

THURSDAY
The Crossing Guard, BBC1, 11.35pm
A grieving father waits for the drink-driver who killed his daughter to get out of prison then tries to kill him. He fails, but his target is so guilt-ridden he believes he deserves to die in retribution for his crime. The pair agree to three days' grace to put their affairs in order, during which time both men face up to past mistakes and broken relationships. Sean Penn's drama, with Jack Nicholson, David Morse and Robin Wright. (1995)

FRIDAY
Casino Royale, ITV, 10.45pm
James Bond achieves his '00' status and is dispatched on the trail of Le Chiffre, an international criminal financing terrorist organisations around the world. Bond's investigation leads to a casino in Montenegro, where he takes part in a high-stakes poker game in a bid to bankrupt Le Chiffre and put an end to his plans. Spy thriller, directed by Martin Campbell and starring Daniel Craig in his first outing as 007. (2006)

Pick of the Week

Family matters to Gabriel in new series

Gabriel Byrne may have lived in the States for some time, but when he was offered the chance to return to Dublin for this new series, he jumped at it – and it's little wonder.

Based on John Banville's thrillers, the series has gone down a treat in its native, but now the Beeb has snapped it up, in a major Anglo-Irish co-production, we get to see for ourselves what all the fuss is about. And if you like your thrillers dark and mysterious, it won't disappoint.

Quirke opens in the late autumn of 1956, where a hungover city pathologist known only as 'Quirke' (we never get to know his Christian name) stumbles from a late-night party in the nurses' quarters. He hopes to sleep in his subterranean pathology lab. However, his adoptive brother, obstetric consultant Malachy Griffin, is at our hero's desk completing paperwork for Christine Falls, a recently deceased patient.

When Quirke returns the following morning, Christine's body is gone and the medical expert is curious about his brother's strange behaviour. Further investigation suggests Mal was the father of Christine's child, and he believes the youngster has been spirited away to America under the wing of the Catholic Church.

Quirke follows the trail to Boston, accompanying Mal's daughter – Quirke's niece Phoebe – on a last visit to her ailing grandfather. He eventually uncovers the truth about a family secret that has remained buried for nearly two decades.

Byrne explains of his alter ego: "I think that most people can relate to a wounded past. Some people are more adept at dealing with it, and some people are much more delicate and sensitive and I think Quirke is one of those people who hides his vulnerability and his pain underneath and exterior of detachment.

"His work as a pathologist; I always thought he was much at home among the dead than he is with the living and for him, in a strange way, the dead are still living creatures and he's the last one really to take care of them so that space where he works is very sacred to him."

It helps that Byrne's passionate about the genre in which the series falls, as he says: "Mystery and enigma are fascinating because it forces the audience to raise questions about the character. That's not to say that all characters are enigmatic and mysterious - some are very obvious - but I like the idea of hiding in plain sight and allowing the audience to play that game with you."

Like Jack Reacher fans smarting over the fact Tom Cruise played their giant of a literary hero a couple of years ago, fans of the Banville novels may take umbridge at the fact Gabriel isn't 6ft 4in, doesn't have the feet of a dancer or blond hair. It scarcely matters. Byrne is compelling in the lead, and with a supporting cast including Michael Gambon, you know you're in safe hands.

Gabriel Byrne heads the cast of Quirke, Sunday, BBC1, 9pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY
Britain's Got Talent
ITV, 7.30pm
Ant and Dec present the first live semi-final, which sees nine of the 45 chosen acts compete to impress the judges and secure the all-important viewers' vote. At stake is the chance to appear at this year's Royal Variety Performance and win a life-changing cash prize of £250,000, but first the contestants have to win one of two coveted places available in the final. And if things don't go to plan on stage, the hopefuls can still be buzzed off - so the pressure is on to prove they've got what it takes

What the Dambusters Did Next
Channel 5, 9pm
What better film for a Bank Holiday Monday than a rousing, fact-based wartime drama? The Dam Busters certainly meets that remit, and sure enough Channel 5 are treating us to that classic Michael Redgrave and Richard Todd flagwaver this evening. But have you ever wondered what became of the brave pilots of 617 Squadron after Operation Chastise, the famous May 1943 raids on the Ruhr and Eder valleys? This documentary combines archive footage, testimony from veterans and experts, and dramatic reconstructions to recap the events of 1943, and examine some of the squadron's subsequent missions. They include a daring night-time bombing raid on a strategically important canal, during which the crews faced a ferocious barrage of anti-aircraft defences.

TUESDAY
Welcome to Rio
BBC2, 9pm
You'd have to have been living under a very large, soundproofed rock to have not noticed that the world is football mad this year, thanks to the 2014 World Cup – and all eyes are on Rio de Janeiro. But this stunning series isn't about the football – it's about the lives of the city's residents, and the daily goings-on in the favelas. As Rio prepares for the World Cup and the Olympics, the Brazilian government has launched a military campaign to wrest control of the areas from drugs gangs; a process known as Pacification. This first instalment comes from one of the first favelas to be pacified, Cantagalo, and one of its residents, Rocky, is a delivery man who works everyday, hauling fridges, ovens and televisions on his shoulders, to support his family.

WEDNESDAY
Del Boys & Dealers
BBC1, 9pm
It's probably a bit unfair to describe the people featured on this programme as 'Del Boys.' You could, however, argue that some of them are a tad eccentric. Take Sharon and Al, for instance. They usually deal in novelty goods and use a hearse as their premier mode of transport – perhaps they're big fans of The Munsters. They're travelling to France in it this week, where they hope grab some great deals at a local auction, despite not knowing the lingo. Canterbury women Stevie and Denise have a more down-to-earth approach to raising funds – they bought a bundle of second-hand clothes at auction and are literally hoping to turn rags to riches via a market stall.

THURSDAY
Meet the Police Commissioner
Channel 4, 9pm
Just two years ago, police forces up and down the country felt the biggest shake-up for 50 years when elections resulted in the appointment of 41 Police and Crime Commissioners – a venture which cost £75million, but strangely enough, resulted in the lowest voting turnout since the Second World War. Consequently, the small turnout meant that some obscure, perhaps 'eccentric' candidates were voted in. This Cutting Edge documentary hears from Ann Barnes, Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent, who was initially against the introduction of PCCs, adamant that the whole idea was naïve. However, she later decided to offer herself forward as a potential for the role. Her first year in office has been tumultuous, to say the least...

Live International Football, Friday, ITV, 7.30pm

Burning Desire: The Seduction of Smoking
BBC2, 9.30pm
Despite a growing number of people trying to quit with latest trending aids, cigarettes are still big business. Given that, Peter Tayler is a man on a mission. In this new series, the journalist and documentary-maker travels to Australia to look at the industry's last-ditch attempt to prevent plain packaging. He is allowed rare access to the world's second biggest tobacco company, and explores the reason behind the fact that on a daily basis, thousands of young people around the world are still being seduced by the allure of smoking.

FRIDAY
Live International Football
ITV, 7.30pm
England welcome Peru to Wembley Stadium for their final home friendly before the World Cup. Roy Hodgson's men also have fixtures arranged with Ecuador and Honduras before their campaign in Brazil gets under way against Italy, and the players will be looking to ensure they put themselves in pole position to start against the Azzurri. Among those who will be particularly desperate to impress the manager are Raheem Sterling, Adam Lallana and Ross Barkley, who have all enjoyed strong Premier League campaigns but are yet to become regular starters for their country. The performances of left-backs Leighton Baines and Luke Shaw also seem likely to generate a lot of interest in the build-up to the finals, as their domestic form convinced Hodgson there was no place in the squad for long-time international stalwart Ashley Cole.

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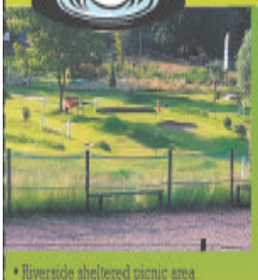

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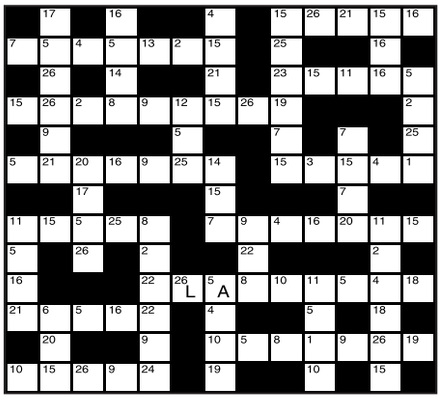
No.274

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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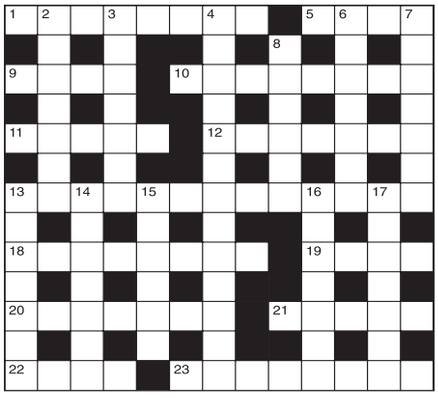
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Do much better than pupils in the open air? (8)
5. She gives help to a thousand (4)
9. I object to article which is low (4)
10. Potentially explosive journal? (8)
11. The French doctor with no head for fruit (5)
12. Hanging around, monarch finds bird sound lacking in colour (7)
13. What Adam's ale might make an alcoholic? (2,4,2,5)
18. What the ark may have been for tourists? (8)
19. Helps, because I would be in it (4)
20. This flower could be a big one (7)
21. 11's other fruit (5)
22. The last big things in the car? (4)
23. Sound one's aitches like a buccaneer? (8)

Down

2. It's no good to reduce one's intake! (7)
3. Offer comfort at the organ? (7)
4. Letters from the lesser chief cities (5,8)
6. Nature worshipper provides its main problem (7)
7. Doctor on the brink of taking redhead on digger (7)
8. One vegetable may spoil a whole line (6)
13. Pleasant, like a loud story? (7)
14. Red gown badly treated (7)
15. Intense study in painting (6)
16. A graduate, true, is different - he's not professional! (7)
17. Extreme finish to the greater part (7)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Condescending (8)
5. Standard (4)
9. Presently (4)
10. Reveal (8)
11. Arbour (5)
12. Equipage (7)
13. Accidentally (13)
18. Roomy (8)
19. Left (4)
20. Increase (7)
21. Exclude (5)
22. Volume (4)
23. Extra (8)

Down

2. Exhausted (3-4)
3. Strive (7)
4. Continuous (13)
6. Sentinel (7)
7. Very much (7)
8. Uncommon (6)
13. Immediate (7)
14. Mixture (7)
15. Masked (6)
16. Disregard (7)
17. Ages back (4,3)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

3	6	5	7	4	8	2	9	1
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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Purest; 4 Lathes; 9 Richard Wagner; 10 Erratic; 11 Arrow; 12 Abase; 14 Study; 18 Cheer; 19 Low gear; 21 Make nothing of; 22 Server; 23 Sentry. Down: 1 Porter; 2 Record-breaker; 3 Start; 5 Adamant; 6 Hundredweight; 7 Screws; 8 Edict; 13 Strange; 15 Scamps; 16 Cloth; 17 Crafty; 20 Waive. QUICK - Across: 1 Climbs; 4 Sticky; 9 Recalcitrance; 10 Lenient; 11 Emend; 12 Begun; 14 Steps; 18 Adult; 19 Inflate; 21 Consideration; 22 Steady; 23 Leaned. Down: 1 Curdle; 2 Inconsequence; 3 Bulge; 5 Torment; 6 Contemplation; 7 Yields; 8 Mirth; 13 Untried; 15 Lances; 16 Miner; 17 Penned; 20 Flare.

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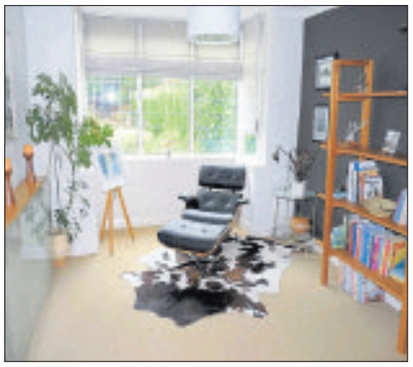

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A SUPERB extended detached home in Green Lane, Quinton, Birmingham, has a conservatory overlooking landscaped gardens and a re-fitted bathroom and en suite shower room. It is for sale through Humberstone Homes at £275,000 with no chain.

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The kitchen has a built-in stainless steel oven and hob with cooker hood over, wood laminate flooring and an archway leading to an inner lobby with a wc off and patio doors leading to the conservatory.

The rear facing master bedroom has an en suite shower room with part tiled walls and a heated towel rail.

There are three further bedrooms, bathroom with a white suite having a bath with a shower over and a shower screen, wc, wash basin with vanity cupboards, tiled flooring, a heated towel rail and downlighters.

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- Conservatory
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EPC: C

Sedgley
High Holborn

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- Secure parking
- Fitted kitchen with white goods
- En suite
- GCH
- Underfloor heating

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EPC: D

Sedgley
Rowan Road

- Two bed end-terraced property
- Freshly decorated throughout
- GCH & DG
- Dining kitchen with cooker
- Available immediately

£550pcm

EPC: D

Dudley
Burton Road

- Three bedrooms
- Kitchen with appliances
- GCH and part DG
- Downstairs bathroom
- Available immediately
- Tipton office

£475pcm

The Straits
Tennyson Road

- One bed ground floor apartment
- Fully fitted kitchen with appliances
- GCH & DG
- Bathroom with bath and shower
- Allocated parking

£450pcm

EPC: D

Kingswinford
Ragees Road

- Charming one bed ground floor studio flat
- Lounge with feature fireplace
- Fully Furnished
- Bathroom with shower cubicle
- Double glazing

£350pcm

EPC: D

Coseley
Castle Street

- Two bed first floor flat
- Electric heated
- DG
- Communal garden
- Unfurnished
- Tipton office

£350pcm

EPC: D

Coseley
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11 GOWER ROAD £225,000
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- Improved & enhanced detached bungalow
- Two bedrooms, Impressive lounge with feature fireplace
- Comprehensively refitted kitchen
- Rear garden with superb panoramic views
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D

24 ASHEN CLOSE, SEDGLEY £185,000
- Modern two bedroom detached bungalow
- The bungalow would be well suited as a retirement home
- Enviably positioned backing onto open countryside
- Ample off street parking and attractive level rear garden
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D

23 CROWESBRIDGE MEWS £159,950
COSELEY
- Modern detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Attractively presented
- En suite shower room
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D

4 OAKLEIGH DRIVE £154,995
SEDGLEY
- Extended town house
- Three bedrooms
- Well maintained accommodation
- Good sized rear garden
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D

51C SANDSTONE CLOSE £154,950
LOWER GORNAL
- Semi detached bungalow
- Improved & modernised
- Two bedrooms
- Conservatory, shower room
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING C

438 BIRMINGHAM NEW ROAD £149,950
COSELEY
- Semi detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Extended & Improved
- Spacious accommodation
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D

28 DUDDING ROAD £149,950
GOLDTHORN PARK
- Detached bungalow
- Two bedrooms & two reception rooms
- Gas central heating & double glazing
- Private rear garden
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING E

'THE BUNGALOW' BROOKDALE £149,000
LOWER GORNAL
- Split level detached residence
- Three bedrooms
- Well maintained & improved
- Deceptive accommodation
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING E

25 SCHOOL STREET £139,950
SEDGLEY
- Semi detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Good sized rear garden
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING E

17 BUTTERWORTH CLOSE £129,950
COSELEY
- Semi detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Well maintained & extended
- Lounge/dining room, utility room & study
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING E

16 EVE LANE £124,950
UPPER GORNAL
- Edwardian end terraced House
- Two bedrooms, two reception rooms
- Attractive rear garden
- Parking available
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING E

15 NEW ROWLEY ROAD O/A £115,000
DUDLEY
- Edwardian end terraced house
- Two bedrooms & attic room
- Deceptively spacious
- Majority gas central heating
- DUDLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING E

5 ANDERSLEIGH DRIVE £109,950
COSELEY
- End terraced house
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted kitchen & bathroom
- Car parking space
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING E

14 CORFE ROAD O/A £109,950
COSELEY
- Semi detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Extended kitchen
- Gas central heating & double glazing
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D

24 FOSTER AVENUE £107,950
COSELEY
- Terraced house
- Three bedrooms
- uPVC double glazing
- Gas central heating
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING C

9 PRIORS MILL £104,950
UPPER GORNAL
- Mid terraced house
- Two bedrooms plus attic room
- Breakfast kitchen
- Double glazing & gas central heating
- SEDGLEY OFFICE

10 EDMUND ROAD £99,950
UPPER GORNAL
- Semi detached house
- Two bedrooms
- Large bathroom
- Large garden plot
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D

3 WALFORD STREET £89,500
TIVIDALE
- Mid terraced house
- Two bedrooms
- Ground floor shower room extension
- Two reception rooms
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113 VIEWFIELD CRES O/A £73,950
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- Spacious Bathroom
- Extensive Rear Garden
- Tandem Garage
- Viewing Highly Recommended

£179,950

NEW

UPPER GORNAL
GOODRICH MEWS

- Modern Mid Town-House Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Spacious Living Room
- Fitted Dining Kitchen
- Downstairs WC
- Stylish Family Bathroom
- Stylish Ensuite Shower Room
- Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Fully Enclosed & Private Rear Garden
- 2 Vehicle Off Road Parking
- No Upward Chain
- Interior Viewing HIGHLY Recommended

£145,000

POPULAR LOCATION

SEDGLEY
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- Semi-Detached Family Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Downstairs WC
- Family Bathroom with Separate WC
- Garage with Utility Area
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WESTFIELD ROAD

- Semi-Detached Family Home
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- Spacious Lounge
- Dining Kitchen
- Upstairs Shower Room
- Downstairs Cloaks
- Off Road Parking & Garage
- Central Heating and Double Glazing
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Energy Rating C

£109,950

NEW

KINGSWINFORD
GREEN LANE

- Link-Detached Family Residence
- Two First Floor Bedrooms
- Bedroom/Dining Room on Ground Floor
- Three Modern Bathrooms
- Spacious Living Room
- Stylish Kitchen Off
- Central Heating, Double Glazing
- Garage plus Off Road Parking
- Good Size Rear Garden

£225,000

NEW

OFF NORTHWAY
LINFIELD GARDENS

- Semi-Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Spacious Lounge
- Fitted Dining Kitchen
- Stylish Bathroom
- Private Rear Garden
- Garage To The Side
- Off Road Parking
- Popular Residential Area
- Energy Rating E

£142,500

NEW

DUDLEY
GILL STREET

- End Terraced Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Shower Room
- First Floor Bathroom
- Living Room
- Breakfast Room
- Pleasant Rear Garden
- Central Heating
- Double Glazing (where specified)

£95,000

REDUCED

UPPER GORNAL
JOCKEYFIELDS

- Spacious First Floor Flat
- One Bedroom
- Living Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Modern Bathroom
- Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Rear Garden
- Energy Rating C
- Ideal First Time Buy
- Viewing HIGHLY Recommended

REDUCED TO £64,995

REDUCED

SEDGLEY
VIEWFIELD CRESCENT

- Spacious Ground Floor Flat
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Shower Room
- uPVC Double Glazing
- Heating
- No Upward Chain
- Ideal First Time Buy or Investment
- Energy Rating D

REDUCED TO £71,500

REDUCED

LOWER GORNAL
BARR STREET

- Mid Terraced Property
- Spacious Accommodation
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- First Floor Bathroom
- Central Heating, Double Glazing
- Pleasant Rear Garden
- Energy Rating E

£105,950

REDUCED

DUDLEY
ELMFILED VIEW

- Detached four bedroom property
- Large Dining Lounge
- Spacious Dining Kitchen
- Downstairs WC
- First Floor Bathroom
- Master Bedroom with Ensuite
- Enclosed & Private Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking ● Garage
- Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Energy Rating D

REDUCED TO £239950

REDUCED

WOODSETTON
SEDGLEY ROAD

- An Extremely Well Presented Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge, Spacious Dining Kitchen
- Modern Bathroom
- Central Heating, Double Glazing
- Pleasant Rear Garden
- Garage plus Off Road Parking
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Energy Rating E

REDUCED TO £139,950

LOWER GORNAL
WOOD ROAD

- Semi detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Spacious living room
- Fitted kitchen
- Downstairs bathroom
- Good size rear garden
- Sun house plus stores
- No upward chain
- Energy Rating D

£109,950

NO CHAIN

SEDGLEY
SETTON DRIVE

- Distinctive Detached Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Stylish Living Room
- Sitting Room/Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Stylish Dining Kitchen
- Downstairs WC
- Private Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating D

REDUCED TO £219,995

OFF NORTHWAY
PADARN CLOSE

- Well maintained and recently improved family home
- Mid-town house with three bedrooms
- Lounge plus conservatory
- Breakfast kitchen
- Bathroom with separate bath and shower cubicle
- Central heating, double glazing
- Allocated parking
- Energy Rating C

£125,000

DUDLEY
LAUREL ROAD

- Semi-Detached Family Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Dining Kitchen
- Spacious Lounge
- Conservatory
- Downstairs Bathroom
- Energy Rating D
- Separate Cloaks Upstairs
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

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UPPER GORNAL
TUDOR ROAD

- Semi-detached home on corner position
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge ● Dining kitchen
- Downstairs cloaks
- Bathroom
- Central heating
- Front, side and rear gardens
- Parking for 2 vehicles
- Garage
- Energy Rating: D

Reduced to £119,950

AUCTION

WOMBOURNE
FOLEY GROVE

- Three Bedroom End Town-House
- Spacious Living Room
- Dining Area
- Kitchen
- Modern First Floor Bathroom
- Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Garage To Rear
- No Upward Chain
- Energy Rating D

Starting Bids at £114,950

AUCTION

GORNAL WOOD
MUSK LANE

- Detached family home
- Sought after location
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge ● Dining Area
- Full fitted kitchen
- Downstairs cloaks
- 17ft Garage ● Ample off road parking
- Central heating & Double glazing
- No upward chain ● MUST BE SEEN
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2 Bed Windmill End, NETHERTON

A recently refurbished mid-terraced home offering immaculate accommodation to comprise of Entrance porch, lounge, re-fitted kitchen, two good sized bedrooms and a modern bathroom. The property also benefits from Gas Central Heating (Where Stated), Double Glazing (Where Stated) with off road parking and rear garden. An early viewing is highly recommended to avoid disappointment!

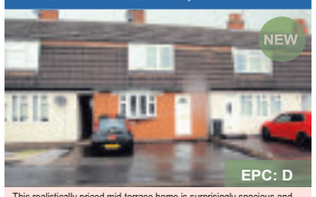
Netherton Office — Offers Around £99,950

3 Bed Hill Street, NETHERTON

A viewing is a MUST to appreciate this deceptively spacious intermediate terraced home. Conveniently situated for Netherton Village with its many amenities the property benefits from UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. With accommodation briefly comprising: Front reception room, inner lobby and cellarette, rear reception room, kitchen, downstairs bathroom and three bedrooms on the first floor. Externally there is a rear garden with shared entry tunnel.

Netherton Office — Offers Around £93,000

3 Bed Heath Road, NETHERTON



This realistically priced mid-terrace home is surprisingly spacious and has a wonderfully sized rear garden, recently redecorated lounge, large kitchen with space for a dining table that over looks the rear garden with outbuildings, patio, lawn and raised decking area. On the first floor are two double bedrooms, a decent size third bedroom and a family bathroom. An early viewing is recommended. NO UPWARD CHAIN.

Netherton Office — Offers Around £100,000

2 Bed Chichester Avenue, NETHERTON

We are pleased to offer for sale this two bedroom mid terraced home situated in this popular residential location with excellent access to all local amenities. The property offers good sized accommodation to comprise of; Entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen, two good sized bedrooms and family bathroom. It also benefits form front and rear gardens, gas central heating and double glazing (where stated). Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, viewing is recommended.

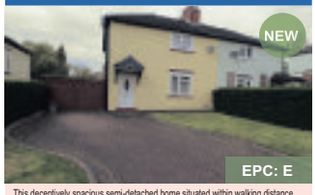
Netherton Office — Offers Around £99,950

2 Bed Crabourne Road, DUDLEY WOOD

Well presented and much improved semi-detached home offering good sized accommodation to comprise of; Entrance hallway, lounge, re-fitted kitchen diner, sun room, utility room, two double bedrooms and a re-fitted bathroom. The property also benefits from gas central heating (Where Stated), double glazing (Where Stated), off road parking and a good sized rear garden. Viewing is therefore highly recommended.

Netherton Office — Offers Around £122,500

3 Bed Ballard Road, NETHERTON



This deceptively spacious semi-detached home situated within walking distance of Netherton Park is positioned on a good sized plot providing ample off road parking, potential space for caravan and excellent sized rear garden. It comprises; Entrance hall, lounge, kitchen diner, downstairs w.c., three double bedrooms and a family bathroom. Benefitting from being gas centrally heated (where stated) and available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, early viewing is recommended.

Netherton Office — Offers Around £124,950

3 Bed Quarry Road, DUDLEY WOOD

Well presented semi detached home offering accommodation which has been much improved and comprises; Entrance hallway, lounge, open plan kitchen diner, three bedrooms and a family bathroom. The property also benefits from being gas centrally heated (where stated), double glazed (where stated), with a good sized block paved driveway providing ample off road parking and a rear garden. Viewing is a must!

Netherton Office — Offers Around £142,500

3 Bed Crabourne Road, DUDLEY WOOD

Immaculately presented and deceptively spacious semi-detached home offering accommodation to comprise of entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, kitchen diner, three bedrooms and a re-fitted family bathroom. It also benefits from having a full size basement with potential for conversion into further living accommodation or currently used for motorbike storage! Having gas central heating, double glazing, off road parking and rear garden with gated access to from behind.

Netherton Office — Offers Around £139,950

4 Bed Worcester Road, NETHERTON

This surprisingly spacious home is situated in a popular location and has accommodation comprising; Entrance hall, lounge, downstairs wc, kitchen dining room which is currently also used as a second reception room and on the first floor are four bedrooms and the house bathroom. The property benefits from off road parking and has a pleasant rear garden. Viewing highly recommended.

Netherton Office — Offers Around £118,000

3 Bed Wesley Close, CRADLEY HEATH

Beautifully presented and good sized end terraced property having accommodation to comprise of; Entrance hallway, kitchen, lounge diner, three good sized bedrooms with an en-suite to the master bedroom and separate house bathroom. The property also benefits from being gas centrally heated (Where stated), Double Glazed (Where stated), ample off road parking, integral garage and a rear garden! Viewing is highly recommended.

Netherton Office — Offers Around £149,950

3 Bed Quarry Road, DUDLEY WOOD

Immaculately presented and much improved three/four bedroom detached family home comprising of; Entrance hallway, three reception rooms, study area/potential bedroom four, downstairs w.c., modern kitchen with utility area off, three good sized bedrooms and a fantastically refitted bathroom. Benefitting from 'in out' gated driveway with ample off road parking, gas central heating, double glazing, two separate garages and excellent sized landscaped rear garden. Viewing essential!

Netherton Office — Offers Around £300,000

3 Bed Cecil Drive, TIVIDALE

Much improved and heavily extended semi-detached home having excellent accommodation to comprise; Entrance porch, lounge, kitchen, dining room and playroom, three good sized bedrooms and family bathroom. It also benefits from being gas centrally heated and double glazed, has ample off road parking and rear garden. Requiring inspection to fully appreciate, an early viewing is highly recommended.

Netherton Office — Offers Over £135,000

2 Bed Dudley Wood Road, DUDLEY WOOD

A well presented mid-terraced home situated in this popular location benefitting from accommodation to comprise of two reception rooms, kitchen, bathroom, utility room, cellar, two double bedrooms and access to a floored loft space. Being gas centrally heated (where stated), double glazed (where stated) with a landscaped rear garden, an early viewing is recommended to not miss out!

Netherton Office — Offers Around £105,000

3 Bed Molyneux Road, NETHERTON

Being situated within this convenient location, this well presented extended semi-detached family home offers well planned accommodation benefitting from central heating, double glazing and off road parking to the fore. Being realistically priced, an early viewing is strongly recommended to appreciate the accommodation on offer.

Netherton Office — Offers Around £95,000

3 Bed Marriott Road, NETHERTON

This semi detached property situated on this corner plot and in need of some minor cosmetic updating benefits from being gas centrally heated (Where Stated) and double glazed (Where Stated) and has accommodation to comprise of entrance hallway, re-fitted shower room, lounge, kitchen diner and three bedrooms to the first floor. With driveway, front and rear gardens, viewing is recommended.

Netherton Office — Offers Around £94,950

3 Bed Buffery Road, DUDLEY

Good sized traditional detached property situated in this highly convenient location having accommodation to comprise of; Entrance hallway, through lounge/diner and refitted kitchen, three good sized bedrooms and a modern family bathroom. The property is also gas centrally heated and double glazed, has off road parking to the fore with access to the garage and landscaped rear garden. Viewing is highly recommended .

Netherton Office — Offers Around £159,950

2 Bed Weston Avenue, OLDBURY

This well presented, semi-detached home situated in this popular residential location benefits from double glazed accommodation to comprise of; Entrance hallway, lounge being open plan through to dining room, extended kitchen, and to the first floor there are two bedrooms and a family bathroom. Viewing is highly recommended to fully appreciate.

Netherton Office — Offers Around £107,500

3 Bed Russells Hall Road, DUDLEY

Good sized semi-detached home situated on the popular Russells Hall estate requiring some cosmetic improvements and having accommodation to comprise of; Entrance hallway, downstairs w.c., open plan kitchen and living area, three good sized bedrooms and a family bathroom. The property benefits from being gas centrally heated, double glazed, has front and rear gardens, off road parking and garage. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN.

Netherton Office — Offers Around £124,950

3 Bed Purlin Wharf, NETHERTON

Immaculately presented and deceptively spacious semi-detached home havng Entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, breakfast kitchen, downstairs w.c., two double bedrooms with en-suite to the master, third bedroom and modern re-fitted family bathroom. Having a converted garage ideal for anybody needing a home office. Situated on an excellent sized plot it comes with off road parking, gas central heating and double glazing. A viewing is highly recommended!

Netherton Office — Offers In Region Of £160,000

2 Bed York Road, NETHERTON

Well presented semi-detached home situated on this substantial corner plot providing ample off road parking and comprising; Entrance hallway, lounge, extended kitchen, downstairs w.c., two good sized bedrooms and family bathroom. The property also benefits from being gas centrally heated and double glazed and nternal viewing is strongly recommended to fully appreciate.

Netherton Office — Offers Around £98,500

2 Bed Pedmore Road, DUDLEY

This immaculately presented and good sized end of terrace home has good sized accommodation to comprise of; Entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen diner, two good sized bedrooms and a modern refitted family bathroom to the first floor, the property also benefits from being gas centrally heated and double glazed, has ample off road parking for up to four vehicles and has good sized rear garden ideal for summer BBQs. Viewing is a must!

Netherton Office — Offers Around £97,500

2 Bed Denbigh Close, DUDLEY

This well presented semi-detached home is situated in this popular residential location with good access to all local amenities. It has gas central heating, double glazing and benefits from accommodation to comprise of; Entrance hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom to the first floor. The property also benefits from off road parking, car port and front and rear gardens. An early viewing is highly recommended to avoid missing out!

Netherton Office — Offers Around £118,500

2 Bed Weavers Rise, NETHERTON

This well presented mid terraced home is available on a 75% shared ownership basis and with ideal first time buyer accommodation to comprise of; Lounge, breakfast kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. The property also benefits from parking to the rear and front and rear gardens. There is also the option to buy this property at 100% - please ask for more details. Early viewing is highly recommended to avoid missing out!

Netherton Office — Offers Around £75,000

4 Bed Racemeadow Crescent, DUDLEY WOOD

Situated within popular cul de sac we are pleased to offer this detached family home presented to a high standard throughout. Being both double glazed and centrally heated the residence includes hall, lounge with dining room, conservatory, fitted kitchen, separate utility and downstairs w.c., master bedroom with en suite shower room, three further bedrooms, family bathroom, garage and low maintenance gardens. Viewing recommended.

Netherton Office — Offers Over £200,000

2 Bed Queens Cross, DUDLEY

We are delighted to present 'For Sale' this well presented traditional terraced home. Offering deceptively spacious accommodation to comprise of; Lounge, kitchen diner, two good sized bedrooms and a modern bathroom. The property also benefits from a floored attic room and two cellar rooms and benefits from gas central heating and double glazing. Viewing is a must to fully appreciate.

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A most attractive and appealing stone built country property set in approx.66 acres with a range of excellent detached outbuildings providing office, games room, garaging and potential annexe accommodation. Four Bedrooms, Large Family Bathroom, Superb Open-Plan Kitchen/Family Room, Lounge with Log Burner, Dining Room with Log Burner, Utility Room & Guest Cloakroom, Delightful Rural Location.

£565,000

NETHERLEA, NORTHWOOD LANE, BEWDLEY

An imposing Edwardian detached house enjoying an elevated position overlooking approximately 2 acres of landscaped gardens with the benefit of private fishing rights. Reception Hall, Cellarette, Lounge & Sitting Room, Breakfast Room & Kitchen, Study, Utility Room , Cloakroom, Garage & Garden Room, Mains Gas, Energy Rating E.

£450,000

HAYMIT, CLOWS TOP

£450,000

Appealing detached country property with barn & stables set within approx 8 acres of gardens & paddocks enjoying stunning countryside views. Reception Hall, Lounge/Dining Room 27ft x 16ft overall, 21ft Breakfast Kitchen, 4 Double Bedrooms, Large Bathroom, Utility & W.C, Integral Garage, Considerable potential. EPC: E.

HILLTOP COTTAGE, NEEN SOLLARS,

£429,950

Delightfully situated, well proportioned country cottage with gardens of around 1 acre with trout stream and option to purchase further land if required. Kitchen, Open Plan Family Room, Lounge, Dining Room, cloakroom, Utility, Master Bedroom Suite, 3 Further Double Bedrooms & Bathroom, No Upwards Chain,EPC:D

THE COURT HOUSE, WOLVERLEY VILLAGE

£250,000

A striking Grade II* listed village landmark building with splendid stone facade and gated gravel courtyard to front. Well proportioned two storey accommodation, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom, 21' Living Room, Separate Dining Room, Hall and Guest Cloakroom, Kitchen with fitted Appliances, Full Width Front Balcony, Apartment Style Living in Historic Setting, Energy Rating E.

SEVERN SIDE SOUTH, BEWDLEY

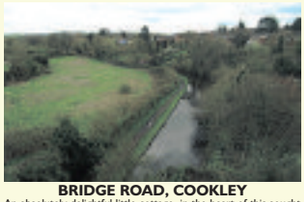
£349,000

Wonderfully spacious three storey Grade II listed Georgian house occupying an unrivalled riverside position with breath-taking views over the Severn. Four / Five Bedrooms, Stunning 22ft First Floor Lounge with Balcony, 20ft Ground Floor Sitting Room to Front, Excellent 21' x 12' Kitchen / Dining Room, Study, Bathroom & Separate Shower Room, Approx 2350 sq.ft, Garage to Rear, Communal Courtyard Gardens, Energy Rating E.

MILLBROOK HOUSE, NEEN SOLLARS

Individual & spacious detached property, in rural village with delightful outlook to rear. 4 Double Bedrooms & 2 Bathrooms, 21ft Master Bedroom, Large Reception Hall, Lounge with Brick Inglenook Fireplace, Dining Room, Large Breakfast Kitchen, Utility Room, L-Shaped Integral Garage, Delightful Position, Energy Rating C.

£410,000



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An absolutely delightful little cottage in the heart of this sought after village perched high above the Staff/Worcs canal and enjoying wonderful view to the rear. Sitting Room with original Range Cooker, Galley Kitchen to rear, Double Bedroom & Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Abundance of Character & Charm, No Upwards Chain, Energy Rating D.

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£179,950 - REDUCED BY £10,000

PENSNETT

£5,000 REDUCTION
Bromley
A SUBSTANTIAL AND DISTINCTIVE 'PERIOD' DETACHED FAMILY HOME retaining much of its original character and charm, offering INCREDIBLY GENEROUS and ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED accommodation including TWO SEPARATE LARGE RECEPTION ROOMS and comprising: reception hall, extremely well proportioned lounge, large separate dining room / sitting room, dining kitchen, pleasant garden room, study / potential utility, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, SUPERB LOFT (with stairs off landing), refitted bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and DOUBLE GLAZING. With a small walled frontage, DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and an ATTRACTIVE / SECLUDED LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating: E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777
£174,950 - No Upward Chain

SEDGLEY

NEW PRICE
Queens Road
NO UPWARD CHAIN. A Freehold, gas centrally heated, & uPVC double glazed detached most conveniently situated in a well regarded district within reasonable walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring, and all associated amenities. Accommodation includes; reception hall, cloaks, fitted cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Garage, secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
WAS £179,950, NOW £174,950

COSELEY

Kimberley Place
Enviably situated in short/safe quiet cul-de-sac just off Flamborough Way where houses are only rarely available for sale; a conscientiously maintained, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated detached occupying "end plot" with delightful expertly tended gardens. Accommodation includes; reception hall, kitchen, transverse living/dining room with bay, store. Three double bedrooms (all with built-in wardrobes & principal bedroom with upgraded shower room en suite), upgraded bathroom. Garage. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £174,950

SEDGLEY

NEW PRICE
Bilston Street
NO UPWARD CHAIN.A gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached most conveniently situated within level walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring & all associated amenities. Accommodation comprises entrance hallway, cloaks cupboard, L-shape lounge, dining room, brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, lengthy block paved gated drive, brick garage, well tended secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
WAS £168,000, NOW £162,950

SEDGLEY

Dormston Drive
Most conveniently situated in a "backwater" within walking distance of the Bull Ring; a Freehold, gas radiator centrally heated, and uPVC double glazed detached comprising; entrance hallway, cloaks, 24'5" through living/dining room, kitchen. Three bedrooms (all with fitted wardrobes), bathroom. Extensive block paving secluded "low maintenance" rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £162,950

BRIERLEY HILL

North View Drive
This modern style, considerably enlarged, gas centrally heated, four bedroomed detached family home is situated in a quiet cul-de-sac, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. The surprisingly spacious property briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, dining room, new kitchen, sitting/family room, guest wc, four bedrooms, bathroom, block paved driveway, and rear garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265
£159,950

DUDLEY

The Broadway
A highly individual FREEHOLD gas centrally heated, combi boiler, and double glazed (as seen) detached popular convenient district. The redecorated and refreshed accommodation includes entrance vestibule, reception hall, 22'4" through living/dining room, upgraded kitchen. Three GENEROUS BEDROOMS, reappointed/re tiled bathroom with white suite, reappointed separate toilet, garage, garden EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £159,950

SEDGLEY

Turls Street
NO UPWARD CHAIN. A gas centrally heated (combi boiler) uPVC double glazed detached excellently situated within walking distance of Sedgley's Bullring. Accommodation comprises porch, hall, fitted cloakroom, upgraded kitchen, spacious lounge/dining room, large uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, 2 bedrooms (originally 3 bedrooms), bathroom with white suite. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £157,950

LOWER GORNAL

Ladbrook Grove, Straits
An attractive, significantly modernised/improved & conscientiously maintained, Freehold, gas centrally heated, and recently uPVC double glazed semi detached bungalow enviably situated in quiet cul-de-sac convenient for so many amenities. Superb accommodation comprises; reception hall, 2 double bedrooms, reappointed bathroom, living/dining room, breakfast kitchen. Lengthy driveway, brick garage, virtually south facing rear garden designed to ensure "low maintenance". EPC Rating: D.. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £152,750

KINVER

NEW PRICE
Huntsmans Drive
This BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED AND THOUGHTFULLY IMPROVED TWO BEDROOM, SEMI-DETACHED HOME should appeal to more discerning buyers, with an arrangement of accommodation having a number of notable features, and with TWO GENEROUS FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS, one of which has views of the renowned St Peter's Church. Enjoying a quiet setting just a short distance from Kinver High Street, the property is briefly seen to comprise: Entrance vestibule, reception hall, lovely kitchen, delightful sitting room with defined dining area, two generous first floor bedrooms, modern bathroom, enclosed rear garden and off road parking. Offered for sale with NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating D. STOURBRIDGE OFFICE 01384 395555.
£149,950

COSELEY

Birmingham New Road
A COMPREHENSIVELY REFURBISHED, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & uPVC double glazed semi detached of character that has been tremendously modernised & upgraded in recent months to an exemplary specification. Accommodation provides glazed porch, imposing reception hall, fitted cloakroom, lounge with bay, dining room with bay, refitted kitchen, three generous bedrooms, reappointed bathroom, garage & further store. Block paved driveway/ parking to front, neat rear garden with further brick store. Mining search available. EPC Rating:C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £149,950

PENSNETT

£2,000 REDUCTION
Tansey Green Road
AN ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED, TRADITIONAL, SEMI-DETACHED HOME forming part of this established and sought after address and enjoying a PLEASANT OPEN REAR ASPECT, together with a DOUBLE GARAGE and with accommodation comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, spacious lounge / dining room, CONSERVATORY EXTENSION, refitted kitchen with integrated appliances, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS, study / laundry room, bathroom with corner suite and separate shower; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With a GOOD SIZED BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY to the fore and a long, pleasantly laid out rear garden. EPC Rating: E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777
£139,950

SEDGLEY

Bath Street
SUPERB EXTENSION! An EXTENDED, modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached conveniently situated within walking distance of so many amenities. The accommodation includes recessed porch, reception hall, store, dining room with bay, lounge with double opening doors out to the decking, extended refitted kitchen with an extensive range of units & many integrated appliances, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £133,950

DUDLEY

Forest Road
An EXTENDED, tremendously modernised, refurbished & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed traditional semi detached in convenient neighbourhood. Accommodation provides reception hall, pantry, sitting room, SUPERB LARGE DINING KITCHEN with a fine range of units acting as the 'hub of the house' , three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, parking, good size secluded level rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £127,950

SEDGLEY

Linfield Gardens, Northway
TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL! A three bedroom semi detached at head of cul-de-sac upon favoured development requiring full renovation but offering tremendous potential. Accommodation includes; hall, kitchen, living/dining room, Three bedrooms, bathroom. Lengthy drive, former garage, garden. Short Lease. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Price: £119,950

SEDGLEY,

Whitesmith Close, (off Mill Bank)
Conveniently situated within walking distance of the Bull Ring, and all associated amenities; a comparatively spacious, gas radiator centrally heated & double glazed First Floor apartment forming part of a small development managed by the Accord Housing Association for owners aged 55 or over with warden facilities. Stair lift. Accommodation includes; L shaped lounge/dining room (with patio doors out to a balcony), kitchen, inner hallway, two double bedrooms (one with wardrobes), two storage cupboards, and a reappointed shower room (former bathroom) with a white suite. Allocated parking, communal grounds. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £115,000

QUARRY BANK

NEW PRICE
Edwinstowe Close
This modern style, uPVC Double Glazed, Gas Centrally Heated, THREE BEDROOM Semi Detached Home occupies a corner plot, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, lengthy Lounge / Dining Room, Kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS, Bathroom, Rear Garden and allocated Parking. EPC Rating C. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.
£110,000

DUDLEY

Myrtle Road
SUBSTANTIAL GARAGE TO REAR! With no upward chain a significantly improved freehold, gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed end 'starter home' in established/ convenient neighbourhood. Accommodation provides reception hall, shower/wet room, lounge, transverse dining kitchen with a fine range of upgraded units, uPVC part double glazed conservatory, 3 bedrooms, separate toilet, gated driveway to the garage, gardens.EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £107,950

LOWER GORNAL

NEW PRICE
Park Road
An conscientiously maintained, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in popular/convenient neighbourhood. Accommodation includes; reception hall, store, lounge, upgraded kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances, dining room. Three generous bedrooms, bathroom. Rare advantage of substantial GARAGE. Gardens. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
WAS £109,950, NOW £104,950

BRIERLEY HILL

Bank Street
Having been subjected to a comprehensive scheme of redecoration/improvement, this Victorian style, deceptively spacious, majority double glazed, gas centrally heated, 3/4 bedroomed mid-terrace is conveniently situated for local amenities, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Breakfast Room, Kitchen, two principal first floor Bedrooms, Bathroom with white suite, attic Bedroom 3, Office/Bedroom 4 and rear Garden. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265
£99,950

UPPER GORNAL

Priors Mill
This traditional style, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated, two bedroomed mid townhouse is available with no upward chain, and may be of particular interest to first time buyers. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining room, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, lawned Gardens and secure parking to rear. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £94,950

HOLLY HALL

Stourbridge Road
This Victorian style, uPVC Double Glazed (vast majority of units), Gas Centrally Heated, TWO BEDROOM mid Terrace may be of particular interest to FIRST TIME BUYERS, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Ground Floor Wet Room, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS, Bathroom and Rear Garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.
£84,950

BRIERLEY HILL

NEW PRICE
William Street
This DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS, Victorian style, double glazed (vast majority of units being uPVC), gas centrally heated, two bedroom mid terrace is conveniently situated for local amenities, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises: lounge, dining room, RE-FITTED KITCHEN, guest w.c / utility, TWO EXCELLENT DOUBLE BEDROOMS, larger than average bathroom with white suite, and a level rear garden. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.
£84,950

LOWER GORNAL

Five Ways Court, Lake Street
50% SHARE FOR SALE. A comparatively SPACIOUS, stylish, gas centrally heated, & uPVC double glazed FIRST FLOOR flat with good distant views forming part of gated development. Vendors 50% share available for sale (other 50% owners by Housing Association who charge a fair market rental). "Entry phone" system to shared hall/landing with flat comprising; reception hall, superb 16'8" lounge with well equipped kitchen beyond with a fine range of "beech" effect units & integrated appliances. TWO BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with shower room en suite & white suite), bathroom. Allocated parking, communal grounds. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £49,950 for vendors 50% share

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GORNAL WOOD

Himley Road

A landmark property! Enviably situated in highly favoured district with tremendous lengthy fore garden an imposing double fronted, gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed detached bungalow of character MAGNIFICENT PANORAMIC VIEWS that has been 'transformed' by present vendors in recent years. Accommodation provides traditional reception hall (restored wood block floor), magnificent lounge with large walk in bay, double french doors out to sun patio and a multi fuel stove, 2 double bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white contemporary style suite, breakfast kitchen, walk in panty, lobby and stores. Large 33ft8" garage/work room, extensive grounds (incorporating south facing sun patio). EPC Rating T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £259,950

WOMBOURNE

Sytch Lane

Forming part of this highly respected address, well placed for local shops and schooling, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED AND ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers VERY SPACIOUS and THOUGHTUFLLY ALTERED accommodation, all of which is well presented to offer: reception hall, extended now impressively spacious lounge with dining area, refitted breakfast kitchen with appliances, utility / cloakroom + ground floor W.C, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, beautifully re-appointed bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With an attractive shrub fore garden, GOOD SIZED DRIVEWAY, GARAGE/STORE 8'1" x 6'7" and LONG ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN with BAR/SHED at the rear. EPC Rating: TBA. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£179,950 - For Quick Sale

KINGSWINFORD

Woodthorne Walk

Delightfully situated within this pleasant and attractive location upon highly sought after 'Blandford Mere', this IMPROVED AND ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED, MODERN DETACHED BUNGALOW is enhanced by TWIN GARAGES to the rear and offers SPACIOUS and WELL PROPORTIONED accommodation which is 'READY TO MOVE INTO' and comprising: reception hall, splendid large lounge, refitted kitchen with integrated appliances, TWO GOOD BEDROOMS, RE-APPOINTED WET ROOM; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Situated within an attractive walkway, with a lawned fore garden, ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN and TWO REAR GARAGES. EPC Rating: E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£169,950 - No Upward Chain

WALL HEATH

Beachwood Avenue

Delightfully located within this very popular cul de sac address, just off Beachcroft Road, and forming part of a highly sought after location within easy reach of the heart of Wall Heath, this EXTENDED DETACHED BUNGALOW offers SPACIOUS accommodation which REQUIRES UPDATING, yet providing EXCELLENT POTENTIAL FOR IMPROVEMENT and comprising: reception hall, spacious large lounge, kitchen, TWO BEDROOMS, garden room extension, bathroom, sectioned loft space; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and PART UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With a low maintenance paved forecourt + DRIVEWAY, CARPORT / GARAGE and an attractive low maintenance rear garden. EPC Rating: E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£169,950 - No Upward Chain

WORDSLEY

Balmoral Road

Enjoying FANTASTIC REAR VIEWS, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED AND ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME is superbly located within this extremely sought after address upon 'Ashwood Park / Forest Lawns', offering SPACIOUS and WELL PRESENTED accommodation, comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, spacious lounge + dining area, CONSERVATORY, extended and beautifully refitted kitchen with built-in appliances, THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and an attractive patio / lawned rear garden with delightful views to be enjoyed. EPC Rating: TBA. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£159,950

KINGSWINFORD

Hillcroft Road

Delightfully situated within this small cul de sac known as 'St Marys Court', this DELIGHTFUL MODERN SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW enjoys a pleasant open front outlook together with a secluded rear aspect, a position enhancing the WELL PLANNED layout of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: reception hall, spacious large lounge, refitted kitchen with integrated appliances, inner hall, TWO BEDROOMS (master with fitted wardrobes) and bathroom. The bungalow is set back beyond the front lawn with DRIVEWAY, gates to ADDITIONAL PARKING SPACE, GARAGE and a pleasantly secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£149,950

SEDGLEY

Ashford Drive

Enviably situated in quiet "backwater" within comfortable walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring, a particularly stylish, significantly enhanced & EXTENDED, gas centrally heated, and uPVC double glazed semi detached of character (with many retained/enhanced period features) having imposing reception hall (high ceiling), lounge with bay, pantry, extended/refitted kitchen with a fine range of units and opening through to a dining room creating the "hub of the house". Three bedrooms, reappointed/retiled bathroom with a white contemporary style suite. Parking, neat secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £144,950

WORDSLEY

Primrose Hill

AN IMPROVED 'BAY FRONTED' TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME which is pleasantly located within this popular cul de sac address, offering SPACIOUS and SUCCESSFULLY ALTERED accommodation, comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, well proportioned lounge with bay window, refitted dining kitchen with built-in appliances, THREE BEDROOMS, re-appointed 'classic white' bathroom with separate shower cubicle; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With DRIVEWAY to the fore and a GOOD SIZED PATIO / LAWNED REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating: D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£142,950 - No Upward Chain

QUARRY BANK

Evers Street

Having been subjected to a comprehensive scheme of modernisation and improvement, this most attractive, uPVC Double Glazed, Gas Centrally Heated, THREE BEDROOMS, DETACHED Family Home is situated in a popular residential location and simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, the impressive property briefly comprises: welcoming Hall, Guest WC, stylish Lounge, Re-Fitted Kitchen with a fine range of units, adjacent Garden/Dining Room, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS (with en-suite to Master), Re-Fitted Bathroom with white suite, and a neat, lawned GARDEN. EPC Rating C. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£139,950

UPPER GORNAL

Harvest Close

SUPERB CONSERVATORY! An extremely stylish, significantly improved, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached enviably situated at head of cul-de-sac within reasonable walking distance of so many amenities. Representing a fine "starter home" the accommodation includes; entrance hallway, living room with feature contemporary style "beech" effect overmantel, and Living Flame gas fire, upgraded breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units leading through to the 15'3" x 7'4" uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY. Two bedrooms (one with wardrobes), recently reappointed bathroom with a white contemporary suite & shower. Parking, good sized secluded "low maintenance" rear garden. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £123,500

KINGSWINFORD

Poplar Road

Pleasantly and conveniently located within this cul de sac address just a short distance from the heart of Kingswinford and its shops / amenities, this ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED TRADTIONAL SEMI-DETACHED BUNGALOW is enhanced by a GOOD SIZED LANDSCAPED LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN and offers WELL PROPORTIONED accommodation which is well planned to offer: reception hall, attractive lounge, fitted kitchen, EXCELLENT FITTED DOUBLE BEDROOM, 'classic white' bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With attractive low maintenance fore garden, DRIVEWAY and a SIDE CARPORT. EPC Rating: D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£114,950

DUDLEY

Winchester Rise

REALISTICALLY PRICED!. Conscientiously maintained, gas radiator centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in popular neighbourhood. Accommodation includes; entrance porch, living room, dining room, upgraded kitchen with "beech" effect units. Three double bedrooms, bathroom, Garage, garden. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE

Offers in the region of £108,950

QUARRY BANK

Birch Avenue

This THOUGHTFULLY INMPROVED AND EXTENDED, TWO BEDROOM, SEMI DETACHED HOME affords an excellent layout with GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND DOUBLE GLAZING to comprise: Porch, Hall, Sitting Room, Extended Dining Kitchen, Side Hall with Guests Cloakroom off, Two Good First Bedrooms and Shower Room, Drive, Carport and Enclosed Rear Garden. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£104,950

QUARRY BANK

Coxcroft Avenue

This uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, two bedroom semi detached property occupies a corner plot in a quiet cul de sac, and whilst requiring cosmetic improvement/updating, offers tremendous potential. Accommodation briefly comprises: side entrance hall, transverse lounge, kitchen, utility/study area, two double bedrooms, bathroom, garage, driveway, and rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£100,000

WOODSETTON

Roper Way

This part double glazed, gas centrally heated, one bedroom Ground Floor flat is situated in a quiet backwater whilst remaining convenient for local amenities and is well worthy of an internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises; entrance hall, living room, double bedroom with a range of fitted wardrobes, bathroom with a white suite. Allocated parking space, and lawned communal grounds. PART EXCHANGE AVAILABLE ON THIS PROPERTY. EPC Rating T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £64,950

LOWER GORNAL

Coopers Bank Road

PART EXCHANGE CONSIDERED. An EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, modern, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family residence of quality constructed circa 2006 (and covered by remainder of NHBC guarantee) in development of elegant first quality homes. Outstanding accommodation includes; hall, cloakroom, study, magnificent 27ft through living/dining room (with 'walk in bay' & double French doors out to garden), superb 'hub of house' 18ft breakfast kitchen with an extensive range of units, fitted appliances & granite work surfaces & a further laundry section, breakfast/tv room. Gallery landing, FIVE BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with professionally installed units & a shower room en suite), bathroom, garage, expertly landscaped secluded gardens. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £299,999

WORDSLEY

£10,000 REDUCTION

Middleway Avenue

BUILT TO A VERY HIGH SPECIFICATION IN 2013, this INDIVIDUAL & SUSTANTIAL DETACHED BUNGALOW is also SUPERBLY LOCATED close to shops and amenities, offering EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS and BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, HIGH SPEC. INSULATION, comprising: 'L' Shaped Reception Hall, Huge Lounge with multi fuel burner though to LUXURY FITTED KITCHEN with appliances and 'Island' unit, TWO LARGE DOUBLE BEDROOMS and SPACIOUS BATHROOM with SEPARATE SHOWER. BROAD DRIVEWAY and an attractive rear garden with decking. EPC Rating: C. KINGSWINFORD 01384 401777

£274,950

WOMBOURNE

Bumblehole Meadows

£8,450 REDUCTION

Superbly located within highly sought after Wombourne Village, this DISTINCTIVE 'DAVID PAYNE' DETACHED FAMILY HOME forms part of this exclusive development and offers a VERY SPACIOUS arrangement of VERY WELL PRESENTED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, INCREDIBLY SPACIOUS LOUNGE, separate formal dining room, fitted dining kitchen with integrated appliances, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS (all having fitted wardrobes and the master having an EN-SUITE SHOWER ROOM) and house bathroom with 'light' colour suite. Set back beyond an attractive low maintenance foregarden, together with the LARGE BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY with approach to GARAGE and enjoying an EXCELLENT SIZED REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£229,500

COSELEY

Gough Road

A distinctive highly individual three/four bedroom, gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed detached family home of character occupying a prominent corner plot with substantial CONTRACTORS GARAGE and secured parking. Many fine period features remain and the tremendously enhanced accommodation includes entrance porch, imposing reception hall, store, lounge, through dining room, breakfast kitchen with further utility section and separate toilet. Principle bedroom with intercommunicating bedroom three and two further bedrooms, bathroom, delightful excellently tended gardens, established caravan parking area, garage (21'4 x 16'4"). EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £195,000

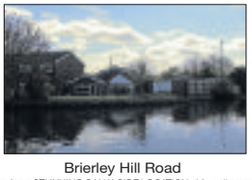
GORNAL WOOD

Musk Lane

A quaint, significantly extended/gas centrally heated & part double glazed detached family home with further potential conveniently situated within walking distance of the village & all associated amenities with possibilities of sub-division for creation of granny/teenagers annex etc. Vendor's advise original cottage section dates back to early 19th century with subsequent inter-war & more recent extensions & the flexible accommodation comprises through 17ft entrance vestibule/hallway, sitting room, bedroom, lounge (with winding staircase up to two further bedrooms on first floor); to remainder of ground floor is a through dining kitchen, a large bedroom (with doors out to garden & presently sub-divided to create two bedrooms) & a bathroom. Extensive parking, sheltered garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £189,950

BRIERLEY HILL



Brierley Hill Road

Occupying a STUNNING CANALSIDE LOCATION, this well presented , uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated two bedroom detached bungalow has been conscientiously maintained by the current owners, and simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The IMPRESSIVE PROPERTY briefly comprises: entrance porch, hall, stylish lounge, dining kitchen with a fine range of units, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS, bathroom with a white suite, garage, wide block paved frontage, and a delightful rear garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£179,950

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Tividale
Regent Road

NEW INSTRUCTION

Beautifully presented and particularly spacious three bedroom semi detached house with a coverted garage offering a fourth bedroom with wet room. The property briefly comprises of hallway, lounge with dining area, kitchen, conservatory, gardens to the front and rear and ample off road parking. No upward chain

£149,950

DUDLEY
Dibdale Road West

NEW INSTRUCTION

Located on the popular "Milking Bank" estate this beautiful modern detached coach-house with accommodation briefly comprising of hallway, lounge/dining room, fitted kitchen, white bathroom suite, bedroom with fitted wardrobes, garage, driveway and private rear garden. No upward chain

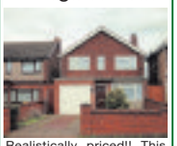
£99,950

Swindon
Swin Forge Way

Delightfully located this three bedroom modern style detached occupying a unique canal-side setting at the end of a private drive in a sought after village position and near glorious Staffordshire countryside. Briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, large fitted kitchen with dining area, conservatory, downstairs wc, ensuite and dressing room to master bedroom, family bathroom. Outside there is a landscaped garden with gated access to the canal, extensive driveway parking and a detached garage.

£325,000

BILSTON
Whitegates Road



Realistically priced!! This three bedroom detached really is a must view!! Briefly comprising lounge/dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, bathroom with a separate wc, rear garden, garage and a driveway. EPC = G

£140,000

Tipton
Gordon Drive

Situated on a generous corner plot this three bedroom detached house really is a must view. Briefly comprising entrance hall, downstairs wc, lounge, kitchen/dining room, family bathroom to the first floor. Outside there are gardens to the front, side and rear a brick built storage cupboard, garage and drivway. No upward chain.

£159,950

TIVIDALE
Elm Terrace

NEW INSTRUCTION

A recently modernised two bedroom semi detached house close to all transport links and motorway networks. The property briefly comprises of hallway, lounge, large dining kitchen, driveway and garden to the rear

£119,950

DUDLEY
Hackett Drive

A beautifully presented modern three bedroom semi detached house. Offering generous accommodation and briefly comprising reception hallway, guest WC, fitted kitchen, lounge, two bedrooms and bathroom on the first floor and a master bedroom with en suite shower room on the second floor. Driveway to front, low maintenance paved and graveled garden to the rear and further parking space.

£134995

DUDLEY
Corbyn Road

NEW INSTRUCTION

A beautifully presented one bedroom first floor apartment located on the "Russells Hall" estate, having been improved by the current owner and briefly comprising lounge, fitted kitchen, master bedroom with fitted wardrobes, white bathroom suite & a well maintained rear garden. No upward chain

£64,950

Tividale
Hill Road

A modern mid town house with three double bedrooms, lounge, kitchen, integral garage, off road parking and a garden to the rear. No upward chain

£114,950

DUDLEY
Scotts Green Close

Set in this highly desirable location this three bedroom semi detached house offers porch, hallway, lounge, dining room, garage, driveway and gardens to the front and rear. The property is within walking distance to Russells Hall hospital and has easy access to local schools and excellent transport links

£179,950

Dudley
Buffery Road

A beautifully presented and particularly spacious three bedroom detached property briefly comprising of lounge, dining area, modern fitted kitchen, family bathroom, delightful rear garden, garage and ample off road parking. Viewing is highly recommended!

£159,950

TIPTON
Whitehouse Street

Beautifully presented and particularly spacious benefiting from a tandem garage and a generous size garden this three bedroom semi detached house really is a must view. Also comprising lounge, kitchen/dining room, modern fitted shower room and a driveway to the front of the property.

£125,950

DUDLEY
Five Ways Court

Available on 50% share basis this is an amazing two bedroom apartment with far reaching views from the lounge window. With secure gated entrance and walking distance to Gornal village this will appeal to everyone so call now to arrange your viewing

£49,950

NETHERTON
Cradley Road

Extended two bedroom semi detached tardis! This property really is bigger than it looks. Offering no upward chain and briefly comprising lounge, second reception room, extended kitchen/breakfast room, shower room. Beautiful rear garden and a driveway to the front. EPC Ordered

£120,000

NETHERTON, DUDLEY
Halesowen Road

TO LET

Refurbished one bedroom ground floor flat. Open plan lounge/kitchen. Brand new kitchen includes cooker. Walk in shower & separate toilet/sink. Economy 7 storage heaters. Double glazing. Unfurnished. No pets.

£395 PCM + Fees

Dudley
Dixons Green Road

NEW PRICE

A beautifully presented, one bedroom ground floor apartment with double glazing and central heating. Newly decorated throughout, new kitchen and bathroom. Plenty of storage. Lounge, double bedroom, kitchen, bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. No DSS, no smokers, no pets. Off road parking, available now for long term let. EPC-D

£400 PCM + Fees

DUDLEY
Aldeney Close

TO LET

A modern first floor apartment on this new development. Accommodation comprising of one bedroom, open plan lounge/ fitted kitchen. Viewing highly recommended, available to view now. EPC B

£465 PCM + Fees

BILSTON
Lewis Street

TO LET

Two bedroom end terrace. Large lounge with central staircase. Fitted kitchen includes cooker. Downstairs bathroom with shower. Two double bedrooms. Enclosed low maintenance rear garden. Unfurnished. Central heating & double glazing. No Dss. Pets considered. Available now. EPC-E

£475 PCM + Fees

TIPTON
Ferguson Drive

NEW PRICE

A modern, two bed apartment with double glazing and electric storage heating, open plan living with fitted kitchen and dining area, lounge area and a house bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Unfurnished. EPC D

£475PCM + Fees

TIPTON
Scott Street

NEW INSTRUCTION

Modern two bedroom 2nd floor apartment. Has lounge, fitted kitchen includes oven/ hob and washing machine. Bathroom with shower. Central heating/ double glazing. Allocated parking and secure entry. No Dss. No pets. EPC C

£500 PCM + Fees

DUDLEY
Lyndale Road

NEW INSTRUCTION

A two bedroomed semi-detached house with lounge, large kitchen/diner, utility room and WC off. House bathroom upstairs. Mature garden to the front, patio and garden to the rear with shed. Unfurnished, no DSS, no pets.

£500 PCM + Fees

TIPTON
Cinquefoil Leasowe

NEW INSTRUCTION

A two bedroom mid terraced house with hallway, lounge, kitchen, upstairs bathroom, garden to the rear and driveway to the front, double glazing and central heating. Unfurnished, available to view now. No DSS.

£525 PCM + Fees

DUDLEY
Garrick Close

TO LET

A first floor two bedroom apartment. Lounge with dining area. Fully fitted kitchen. Having a bathroom and two bedrooms, the master bedroom has an en-suite shower/WC. Unfurnished. Two allocated parking spaces. Available now. No DSS. EPC C

£525 PCM + Fees

ROWLEY REGIS
Dudhill Road

NEW PRICE

A three bed mid terraced house with double glazing and central heating, good sized lounge, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms upstairs with house bathroom/WC and shower over the bath. Unfurnished, yard/parking to the rear. No DSS, no pets. EPC C

£525 PCM + Fees

DUDLEY
Ruiton Street

TO LET

A modern two bed apartment in the popular Lower Gornal area. With a lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Two good sized bedrooms, en-suite to master. Secure off road parking. Unfurnished, no DSS. EPC B

£550 PCM + Fees

Dudley
Oakham Road

TO LET

Beautifully presented four bedroom dormer bungalow. Has two reception rooms. Fitted kitchen with range cooker. Laundry room. Three double bedrooms and further double attic room with en suite. Outstanding views. Includes use of hot tub. Free garden maintenance. Security gate and driveway for two vehicles. No Dss. No pets. Available now to view.

£1000 PCM + Fees

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SEDGLEY

GREENLEIGHS

FANTASTIC FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED PROPERTY HAVING DESIRABLE LOCATION, EARLY VIEWING RECOMMENDED! A bay fronted detached comprising to ground floor, two reception rooms, extended kitchen, ground floor cloakroom, utility room, garage, first floor landing, four bedrooms, shower room & bathroom. Externally having elevated views to rear, rear garden comprising patio & lawn, fronted driveway. EPC RATING E

£355,950 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

DUDLEY

HIMLEY AVENUE

EXTENDED TO THE GROUNDFLOOR. We are pleased to market this gas central heated and double glazed extended and improved detached family residence comprising to the groundfloor of entrance porch, entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen, rear reception room, extended study area and breakfast area, first floor landing, four bedrooms and a family bathroom/wc. Externally there is a driveway, carport, garage and extensive rear garden. EPC Rating Is Grade D

£215,000 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

TIVIDALE

NEW BIRMINGHAM ROAD

THOROUGHLY IMPROVED & WELL PRESENTED!!!!!!!!! A bay fronted gas centrally heated & double glazed semi detached four bedroom semi detached property that requires an early viewing & comprises reception hallway, through lounge/dining room, ground floor cloakroo, extended beautifully presented kitchen, utility, landing, three first floor bedrooms, excellant refitted house bathroom, attic bedroom four & en-suite. Externally having driveway parking landscaped rear garden having feature decking

£210,000 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

KINGSWINFORD

HONEYTREE CLOSE

AN EXTENDED AND WELL PRESENTED LINK DETACHED HAVING NO UPWARD CHAIN! We are pleased to market this gas central heated and double glazed extended link detached property comprising to the ground floor of an entrance hall, lounge, extended dining room, extended fitted kitchen, utility room and garage. To the first floor, the landing gives access to three bedrooms and a fitted bathroom. Externally there is a driveway providing parking to the front and an enclosed rear garden. EPC

£155000 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

DUDLEY

ST MICHAELS GROVE

A BAY FRONTED SEMI DETACHED HAVING GARAGE & NO UPWARD CHAIN

A double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached property comprising entrance hallway, front & rear living rooms, kitchen, vestibule, ground floor shower room, first floor landing, three bedrooms, bathroom. Externally having rear garden, garage & drive. EPC RATING AWAITED

£149,950 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

DUDLEY

GREEN ROAD

THREE BEDROOM, BAY FRONTED SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY HAVING TWO LIVING ROOMS, GARAGE AND NO UPWARD CHAIN. We are pleased to market this double glazed and gas central heated three bedroom bay fronted semi detached property comprising to the groundfloor entrance hallway, two reception rooms and kitchen. To the first floor there are three bedrooms and a bathroom. Externally there is a driveway, garage and rear garden. EPC -D

£135,000 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

UPPER GORNAL

ASKEW CLOSE

WE ARE PLEASED TO BRING TO THE MARKET THIS WELL PRESENTED MID TERRACE PROPERTY offering accommodation which briefly comprises an entrance porch into hallway, lounge and modern kitchen on the ground floor whilst to the first floor a landing gives access to three bedrooms and a bathroom with separate WC. Externally there is a garden to the front and rear with garage and driveway providing off road parking. A viewing is highly recommended. The EPC Rating is Grade D.

£124,950 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

WOODSETTON

BENNETT AVENUE

An improved bay fronted semi detached property comprising to the ground floor entrance hall, lounge, dining room/fitted kitchen, landing, three bedrooms & bathroom. Externally having extensive rear garden & driveway parking. EPC Rating awaited

£125,000 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

DUDLEY

HOLLY ROAD

MODERNIZED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED - EARLY VIEWING A MUST!!!!!! A double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached property comprising to ground floor entrance hallway, ground floor updated bathroom, lounge & dining areas, kitchen, landing, three bedrooms. Externally having driveway parking & low maintenance rear garden. EPC RATING E

£125,000 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

DUDLEY

DENBIGH CLOSE

A modern semi detached residence approached via driveway parking leading to carport & the property that comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, landing, two bedrooms & house bathroom. Other features include gas central heating system & double glazing where stated, viewing on the property is recommended by the agent. EPC rating D

£118,500 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

DUDLEY

ST MARKS ROAD

THREE BEDROOM IMPROVED END TOWNHOUSE!! A gas centrally heated & double glazed end townhouse having cul-de-sac location, parking is provided to the front leading to the property comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen diner, landing, three bedrooms (bedroom 1 having fitted wardrobes) & a refitted bathroom. To the rear the decked & gravelled rear garden is low maintenace. EPC-C

£117,500 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

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PRIMROSE GARDENS

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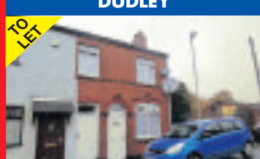

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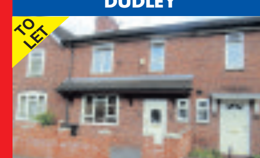

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VIEW; FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 23rd & 24th MAY @ 10.00 a.m.

11 LEICESTER STREET, WHITMORE REANS, WOLVERHAMPTON

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71 STOURBRIDGE ROAD, SCOTTS GREEN, DUDLEY (Access between Nos. 69 & 73)

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Outside: Gents' W.C.

Guide: £30.000 / £35,000

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Nos. 502 / 502A STAFFORD ROAD, WOLVERHAMPTON

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Guide: £100,000 / £110,000

VIEW; FRIDAY 23rd MAY & TUESDAY 27th MAY @ 10.15 a.m.

11 CHURCHFIELD AVENUE, TIPTON

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Guide: £33,000 / £38,000

VIEW; FRIDAY 23rd MAY @ 11.30 a.m. & SATURDAY 24th MAY @ 10.00 a.m.

103 MERRIDALE ROAD, WOLVERHAMPTON

Two bed Mid Terrace, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, First Floor Bathroom, Side Pedestrian access & Garden at rear
EPC: D.55

Guide: £58,000 / £63,000

VIEW; FRIDAY 23rd MAY @ 2.45 p.m. & SATURDAY 24th MAY @ 11.45 a.m.

22 WOODHALL ROAD, PENN

Popular residential area - Smart, well presented extended Three Bed Detached Porch, Reception Hall, fitted Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, fine Dining Kitchen, Laundry, galleried Landing, large Bathroom, Garage, Store, lovely Garden EPC: E.54

Guide: £195,000 / £205,000

VIEW; FRIDAY 23rd MAY @ 12.30 p.m. & SATURDAY 24th MAY @ 11.15 a.m.

79 MERRIDALE ROAD, WOLVERHAMPTON

Close to City Centre, large Victorian House Hall, Two Reception, Dining Kitchen, big Laundry, Shower Room, Five Bedrooms, Bathroom, drive and walled Rear Garden area
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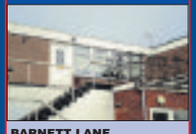

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£425 pcm*

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GORNAL

CENTRAL DRIVE

£560 pcm*

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PENSNETT

PRIMROSE GARDENS

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Offers around £239,950

BROCKMOOR
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This superbly improved, Modern 3 Bed Semi provides outstanding GAS CENTRALLY HEATED and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED family accom which must be viewed to be fully appreciated. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Downs W.C., Spacious Lounge with Dining area, SUPERB RE-FITTED KITCHEN, Victorian Style CONSERVATORY, 3 Excellent Bedrooms, Superb Re-fitted Bathroom with shower, Side Garage, pleasant lawned Rear Gardens and Block Paved Driveway for 2 Cars to front.. EPC=D

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BRIERLEY HIL
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PENSNETT
COMMONSIDE

Very conveniently positioned for local amenities, this 2 Bed End Terrace provides deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and mostly Upvc double glazed accom which although requires CERTAIN UPGRADING and improvement provides tremendous FURTHER POTENTIAL.. Briefly comprises :- spacious Lounge, separate Dining Room, Kitchen, 2 good sized Bedrooms, large Bathroom with separate shower cubicle and good sized rear Gardens with private outlook.EPC=D

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Honda's automatic miracle

By John Griffiths

And now for something completely different: well, for me anyway.

Honda's new and much improved NC750S was designed to be a new style of fun but user-friendly form of two wheeler with the option of a hi-tech automatic gearbox. And it certainly adds a new dimension to motorcycling.

If you have any preconceptions about auto gearboxes based on the traditional continuously variable transmissions (CVT) used on small scooters then forget it.

Honda's DCT system much more responsive, quicker and more efficient. It's an electronically-controlled dual clutch system very similar to the 'DSG' used in Audis, VWs and some high performance sports cars.

It was first revealed about four years or so ago as an option on the big VFR1200 and the NC700, and that now fitted to the NC750 is effectively the second generation, mated in this case to a bike with more power and torque than its predecessor.

This was the first time that I had ridden a bike with this system and found it something of a revelation. It is almost, if not impossible, to stall, it's silky smooth and snatch-free at low speeds and one of the easiest bikes I've ever ridden.

Add to that its light weight, low centre of gravity and excellent balance, and it's ideal for town traffic as well as rewarding on the open road, too.

It wasn't built for sports bike performance, with a modest 54bhp from its 750cc twin cylinder engine. But that is 75cc larger than its NC750 predecessor and therefore comes with a useful extra helping of power and torque for surprisingly peppy performance.

The NC750S is an adventure style machine with a particularly comfortable saddle and upright riding position, providing comfort and an excellent view ahead. If you don't fancy the styling Honda has used the same underpinnings for the Integra – a big scooter – or the trailee styled 750X.

There's a lot of innovative design involved, particularly in making the 750cc twin one of the lightest engines of its kind. It's also fitted with balancer shafts which very successfully smooth out vibrations.

Once on the move I couldn't actually hear the engine above the wind in my helmet (the flip front kind which is, admittedly, notoriously noisy). That's a shame since while pulling away the slow 'thump thump' of a big twin was pleasantly nostalgic for those of us around in the Sixties.

The Honda also differs from most competitors in that it has a 'boot'. The fuel tank is under the seat, and what appears to be a tank in front of the saddle is in fact a lockable cargo space big enough to take a full-face helmet.

On the auto version, manual or auto gearchange mode is selected with a trigger switch on the right hand grip, while a thumb switch selects neutral, drive or sport modes.

Honest

With your left hand (which, of course, has no clutch to worry about) you use either a finger or thumb for manual up or down changes. To be honest, I didn't bother much as for a riding style which goes with this kind of bike the auto mode is perfectly suited.

For the die-hards amongst us, a foot pedal for manual gearchanging is an optional extra.

In Drive mode the electronics get you into top (sixth) gear as soon as possible – usually under 40mph and will hold you there as long as it can. I found it the best choice around town and on the motorway, and it would no doubt reduce the risk of spinning up the back tyre in the wet.

There is the equivalent of a 'kick down' for overtaking. Give the throttle a determined twist of the wrist and the electronics interpret your intentions, changing down one or two gears probably as quickly as most riders for a burst of acceleration.

Or you could just press the 'down' button a couple of times, of course.

Gear shifting is seamless at any speed adding to the bike's characteristic smoothness.

In Sport mode the gearbox hangs on to the lower gears for longer and to higher revs – you usually need to pass 60mph to get top for example – to make more of the Honda's performance potential.

I found it better than 'drive' for more challenging, twisty roads as it also changes down more readily, giving you more engine braking while setting up for a bend or roundabout. And more flexible drive and acceleration out the other side, naturally.

Drive mode is obviously the economical option, with a remarkable 81.6mpg average claimed for the NC750S.

That's Honda's figure but I don't doubt its accuracy. I chose some of the most challenging b-roads I know on the Welsh borders for the test ride, and even in Sport mode still averaged over 74mpg.

The bike's low centre of gravity and excellent frame make it a nimble, really 'flickable' machine, unlike some of the bigger, heavier enduro machines, which really flattered my riding style.

The NC750 has only one, instead of the usual two, discs at the front but braking is nevertheless well up to stopping a machine of this weight.

It probably won't appeal to the sports bike enthusiast, but with its user-friendly nature and economy, particularly around town, it may well tempt a few commuters on to two wheels.

Price: £6,299 (manual transmission) £6,899 (DCT).

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The Mercedes S-Class has been voted 'Best Executive Car' in the 2014 Diesel Car, Car of the Year Awards.

In announcing the award, Ian Robertson, editor and publisher of Diesel Car magazine, said: "It's the kind of car you'll want to drive yourself, thanks to alert steering, great composure through the bends, enormous grip and an impressively supple ride."

Among the innovations on the new S-Class is the option of Magic Body Control – making it capable of detecting bumps in the road ahead and adjusting the suspension accordingly.

The S-Class is available with a choice of four-, six-, eight- or 12-cylinder engines, two hybrids and two wheelbases.

The awarded S 350 BlueTEC generates 258hp, returning 51.4mpg with emissions of 146g/km CO2. It sits alongside the S 300 BlueTEC Hybrid returning 61.4 mpg with emissions of 120g/km CO2, generating 204hp, with additional 27-kW electric engine.

The S-Class, which remains the UK's most popular luxury car based on registration figures issued by the SMMT, focuses on three engineering priorities: 'Intelligent drive' – encompassing a host of new comfort and safety systems, 'efficient technology' – setting a new benchmark with combined fuel consumption of up to 61.4mpg and a cd figure of 0.23, and 'essence of luxury' – where the highest perceived quality underpins the high standards throughout this flagship model.

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Both trophies were presented to Sebastiano Fedrigo, director, Flat Professional UK, by Matthew Eisenegger, editor of Trade Van Driver, at the 2014 Commercial Vehicle show, at The NEC Birmingham.

Adjudicated not only by a team of expert TVD journalists but also by a panel of readers who use light commercial vehicles as an integral part of their businesses, the awards offer a true reflection of the sentiments of those customers who use their commercial vehicles day to day.

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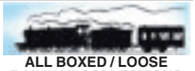

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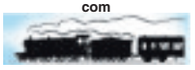

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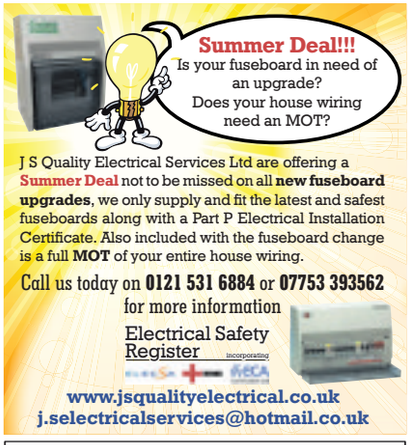

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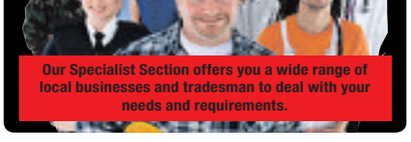

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Days of wine and prizes for runners

Running

ATHLETES from Dudley Kingswinford Running Club certainly made hay while the sun was shone this weekend and claiming the prizes although rather than a trophy cabinet it may be a wine rack that is needed based on what the runners received.

On Saturday the blue hoops registered a team in the British Masters Road Relays Championships.

The event held at a sun-drenched Sutton Park attracted teams from around the country with Altrincham AC, Les Croupiers from South Wales and Salford Harriers claiming the medals in the M35 age group.

DK finished in 32nd place on the day.

Their six legs of three miles taking a total of 1.58.32 with Phil Smith clocking 20.17, Mark Judge 20.27, Dave Norman 18.50, Richard Jones 19.49, Graham Wildgoose 19.54 and Gary Bonner in 19.15.

Twenty four hours later a small group of DK runners travelled the short distance towards Hagley to take part in the Cobra Classic 10k road race event.

A testing road race where the first half is flat and even slightly downhill but the second half more than makes up for it as the course rises steeply and the runners would be better off with mountain climbers' crampons rather than trainers.

This adds a good three or four minutes to a standard 10k time as the lactic acid builds up in the legs and runners are reduced to a shuffle because of the incline.

Dave Norman was first back in 13th place in 42.38 in his second race of the weekend, Graham Wildgoose claimed the 1st MV50 place in 23rd in 45.36, Helen Tromans also claimed an age group prize bagging 1st FV40 in 24th place in 45.59, Mark Homer finished in 47.26 for 29th place, Mark Judge was 38th in 49.25, Carol Fisher was 1st FV50 and 59th overall in 55.00 and Debbie Richards was 82nd in 1.02.22.

Elsewhere in deepest Shropshire Preston Grundy completed the Wenlock Olympian Society Marathon in 7.16.57.

Taking on the shorter version Dave Hickman was 25th in 2.03.46 to claim the 1st MV50 medal and Dave Fennell finished in 2.04.35 in 29th place to claim the MV50 2nd place.

Wissing whizzing along for Beacon

Tales from the Bratch

SOUTH African import Richard Wissing was in red-hot form as Beacon bagged a winning draw from their Staffs Clubs Premier Division clash with Hammerwich.

Wissing made the most of a good batting track by belting a superb 151 to lead Beacon to a total of 272-6 from their 50 overs.

Spinner Matthew Briggs then led the push for victory with 5-45 while Wissing claimed 2-15 with his off-spin, but Hammerwich held on for a draw as they closed on 158-8 in response.

Michael Hartwell continued his impressive start to the season by top scoring with 93 for Beacon's seconds in their clash with Hammerwich.

But Hartwell's efforts couldn't force a victory as Beacon finished on 191-5 in reply to Hammerwich's 211-9.The third team went down by six wickets to Springhill. Matthew Baker (36no) was the stand out batsman for Beacon as they reached just 105.

There was no joy for Beacon's Sunday sides as the firsts and seconds tasted defeat at the hands of Stourbridge. The firsts lost a thriller at Stourbridge as the hosts won on the last ball .

My time at Wolves was hell, says Bjorn

Football

WOLVES outcast Bjorn Sigurdarson has lifted the lid on his Molineux nightmare, calling it "hell".

The 23-year-old forward is currently resurrecting his career on loan at Molde, where he will be until their season ends in November.

Sigurdarson was one of four strikers head coach Kenny Jackett allowed to leave in January with Kevin Doyle, Leigh Griffiths and Jake Cassidy. And the Icelandic attacker, who has scored two goals in five games for the Tippeliga leaders, is relieved to be back on familiar territory after revealing he felt he had been made to feel inferior at Wolves.

"To show you actually can play, not just sit on the bench and such, is fantastic for me," said Sigurdarson, speaking in Norway.

"Of course you'll doubt yourself when you're not used, absolutely.

"When the manager doesn't like you, no matter what you do or how good you are in training, you get the message: 'No, you're not in the squad'.

"You're not good enough. Then you just want dig yourself under the grass. It becomes hell. So it was fantastic that Molde wanted me and that I got to go back."

For Wolves, Sigurdarson found the net twice in 16 league appearances last season, his final game coming in the 3-3 draw at Rotherham on December 21 after which he played no part in the following seven matches before his move.

Sigurdarson also admitted he struggled to make friends in the Wolves squad.

"I feel at home here," he said. "These are great guys. In England you don't make friends in the team. Here we eat together and socialise in the evenings. In England they maybe will go and have a drink together, but this is different. I feel my career is on the right track again."

Meanwhile, Wolves have started a coaching restructure which has left the futures of Steve Weaver and Mick Halsall shrouded in doubt.

The long-serving pair have been told by head of football development Kevin Thelwell that a 'process' has started in the coaching department of reducing the workforce and are set for a further meeting this week when their futures will become clearer.

At least one other member of the coaching staff could be involved in the reshuffle with development coach Weaver and Under-18s coach Halsall.

Employment law means Wolves won't confirm what is going to happen to the duo at the moment.

But the club confirm they have entered into a process of restructuring its coaching.

Bugner back in Blighty for dinner speech

Joe Bugner and Earnie Shavers, left, square-up during their visit to Wolverhampton Boxing Club

IT was a case of no place like home for heavyweight great Joe Bugner when he dropped in to Wolverhampton Boxing Club with fellow former fighter Earnie Shavers.

It was a whistle-stop at the gym, before the pair moved on to the city's Novotel Hotel for an after-dinner speaking slot on a show promoted by Gary Bate.

Hungarian-born Bugner's family relocated to Britain when he was a boy and he went on to become a three-time European heavyweight champion, plus a two-time British and Commonwealth titleholder.

He said: "It's great to be back in England among proper boxing fans, I consider this place my home even though I am enjoying the sunshine in Australia. It's like catching up with old friends!"

A world crown eluded Bugner until he picked up the WBF belt at 48 but he shared a ring with legends like Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier, before the 64-year-old retired for pastures new.

Shavers also fought 'The Greatest' in a points loss but had him in all sorts of trouble when they also boxed for his WBA and WBC belts in 1977, in what was termed 'Ali's Desperate Hour'.

The champion escaped with the decision on points, after fight doctor

Losing toss sets the tone of match

Stourbridge 2nd XI 104
Bromsgrove 2nd XI 306-4
(Bromsgrove win)

Losing the toss did not help skipper Mikesh Patel taking on Bromsgrove one of the top sides in the Division two 2nd XI South.

Heat came from the bat of No.3 Duncan Roke who piled up 176 with 21 fours and eight sixes.

Things did go from bad to worse for the home skipper as his side collapsed at 104 on the 35th over. Opener Alex Spence 26 and James Winders 39 were the backbone to the Stour's brief innings that contained six ducks.

Stourbridge 3rds XI 93
Kempsey 1sts XI 174
(Kempsey win)

Skipper Dave Colesby resigned to the fact that his team was facing the 1st XI decided to bat first having won the toss.

His hopes of decent score failed to materialise Stour all out for 93 in the 48th over Irfan Ahmad top scored with 20 towards the end of the innings.

It took Kempsey just 14 overs to overtake Stour target. Tristan Robinson made 55 with eight fours and two sixes.

Kempsey 2nd XI 273-9
Stourbridge 4th XI 324-7
(Stourbridge win)

Club aims for 14,500 ticket mark

WOLVES have announced plans to target the 14,500 barrier for season tickets – by dropping prices to lower than when they were last in the Championship.

The club hope the cost structure will push the current total of 11,940 season ticket holders up by another 2,560 to 14,500.

At the moment, 88 per cent of current holders have renewed and more were taken on in the 'Join The Pack' campaign.

Adult fans buying their seats now will pay £370 behind the goals as opposed to £320 under the Early Bird scheme launched in March, which represents a rise of 15.6 per cent, with prices effectively going up from £14 to £16 per game.

Big gap in league TV perks

WOLVES might be record-breaking League One champions – but they are paupers when it comes to this season's TV revenue.

The release of payments to Premier League clubs shows a huge contrast between the top flight and League One.

While Albion earned £8.648m from their nine live screenings this season and Villa £13.05m from their 16 appearances, Wolves earned just £135,000 for their five slots before the cameras.

Premier League clubs are paid up to £1m per live match screened, League One clubs receive just £30,000 as the home team and £10,000 as the visiting side. Albion's TV income and prize money amounted to £65.79m

Doyle admits no motivation to play for Wolves

Football

KEVIN DOYLE has admitted he found it difficult to motivate himself to play for Wolves in League One.

The 30-year-old striker is preparing to play for QPR in the Championship play-off final against Derby at Wembley this Saturday hoping to end his loan period on a high by securing a return to the Premier League.

Doyle, who has a year left on his £40,000-a-week contract, is due to report back to Wolves for the start of pre-season training with the rest of the squad on June 25. The Ireland international is hoping his future is sorted out earlier than that and he can earn a permanent move to Loftus Road.

But reflecting on this season at Molineux, Doyle, who scored three goals in 23 League games this season for Wolves before netting twice in 11 for Rangers, admitted he found it tough getting excited about playing in the third tier.

"Self-belief is always there. The personal motivational side of it is the hardest," said the forward.

"Especially in League One, I found that difficult. I've always believed in myself, whether that shows or not I don't know."

Doyle was briefly ostracised when he was sent to train on his own with fellow big earners Stephen Ward, Karl Henry and Jamie O'Hara for a day last summer.

And he was one of four strikers to depart Wolves in January with Leigh Griffiths and Bjorn Sigurdarson in a gamble that paid off spectacularly for Jackett as Nouha Dicko and Leon Clarke came in.

But the former Reading man insists he has no axe to grind with head coach Kenny Jackett.

"I don't feel bitter towards them or anything," he said. "It was such a total downer. We had three good years in the Premier League and then it was two years of a disaster zone.

"You can understand totally why they wanted a clear-out, fresh minds and fresh people who hadn't been through that.

"At Wolves we were one of the favourites to go up last year and we got relegated. We had one of the highest budgets and everything. From my point of view, it's not as easy as people think."

QPR have arguably the biggest budget in the Championship.

Foot on the gas time for Cradley

CRADLEY have been warned to guard against complacency by boss Will Pottinger ahead of a big spell of meetings.

Heathens face three matches on the next two Tuesday nights at Wolverhampton – starting with the visit of Kent in National League action on May 27.

Then they will be staging a double-header on Tuesday, June 3 – but the order of meetings is currently to be confirmed.

They will be up against Scunthorpe in a league match and will also race the second leg of their Knockout Cup tie with Mildenhall on the same night.

Admission prices have been set at £14 adults, £10 concessions and £2 children for 30 heats of racing.

Heathens went to Mildenhall and pulled off a stunning 10-point win on Sunday with big hitters Steve Worrall and Paul Starke in brilliant form.

Boss Pottinger said: "We were chuffed with the performance, everyone put in a shift and did really, really well.

"We have got to stay focused and give a professional performance in the second leg though because it's not over yet. It was a very promising performance but we can't afford to take our foot off the gas."

Georg is due to come back

GEORG MARGREITTER is set to return to Wolves and rejoin his fellow loan exiles after FC Copenhagen failed to negotiate a loan extension.

The Austrian centre-back has spent a season-long loan with the Danish side managed by former Wolves boss Stale Solbakken, who signed him two years ago for £500,000.

Margreitter played 19 games in all competitions as the Danish giants finished second in the SAS Ligaen, six points behind champions Aalborg, although he missed the final match of the season, a 3-2 win against Odense OB as he served a one-match suspension. Solbakken wanted to keep the 25-year-old for another season, but it's thought Wolves want to sell the former Austria Vienna stopper, and the Norwegian admitted they couldn't pay his wages.

BAD FORM IS CAST OFF IN DERBY WIN

Halesowen First XI 194 Stourbridge First XI 195-5 (Stourbridge Firsts win)

STOURBRIDGE First XI leaped up from fifth to second position in division two of the Birmingham and District Premier league by beating local rivals Halesowen.

Needing to reverse an inconsistent form so far this season Stourbridge notched up an important victory.

Cricket

They were up against a new look Halesowen side with Faisal Shahid at the helm replacing Wes Griffiths.

On a hot day Shahid called correctly at the toss of the coin and batted hoping for a total past the 200 mark. Pace man Matt Bradley made the early breakthrough for Stour with the score on 11 taking the wicket of Mohammad Shauib judged LBW for 1.

Delighting

Former Stourbridge player, No.3 Wes Griffiths and the opener Kester Moseley took the score to 53 when Griffiths was caught from the bowling of James Wood for 18, delighting Stour's players.

The biggest partnership of the innings was built between Mosley and the skipper Shahid they progressed the score to 103.

Next to go was the skipper falling LBW to Audy Alexander for 22 in the 34th over total on 104.

With a run rate just over three an over Stour's effort were paying off despite the two chances that went begging. Sixteen year old Dion Patel, number 5 joined the opener Moseley with a mission to accelerate the run rate.

Stourbridge's opening partnership of 21 between Alex Bingham and Steve Game set the tone for their reply. Bingham who had played two consecutive square cuts off Dan Jones was first to depart with his score on 10.

He was caught in the slips on a rebound from the keeper Jones getting the better of Bingham. Game and Richard Bradley batted for nine overs putting on 48. Drinks taken on 17 overs Stour were well placed at 68-1 needing 127 for victory.

The cautious Bradley was a victim of LBW to the spinner Zain Shahid for 27. In the next over Game, who looked solid in defence, went in the same way off the bowling of Richard Brooker for 25.

The number four Audy Alexander and batting at 5 Josh Banks both fresh at the crease were confronted with producing 127 off 19 overs for victory . Both kept the score moving with classy boundaries.

Bush Athletic double up to retain dual titles

Bush Athletic Football Club have enjoyed another good season holding onto both the league and cup. The team is both Dudley and Cradley Heath Football Premier Division Champions and Thornleigh Freight Trophy winners. Bush achieved the double after defeating Pensnett United 4-2 in last Sunday's Thornleigh Freight Trophy. They won the league sweeping aside allcomers while remaining unbeaten. They ended by winning 13 and drawing 1 while scoring 84 goals and conceding only 17.

Women end on low spot

Bradford City Ladies 4 Wolves Women 0

WOLVES Women were unable to rise to the occasion of playing their final game of the season in the impressive surroundings of Valley Parade, and fell to a resounding 4-0 defeat against hosts Bradford City Ladies.

Bradford broke through with an attacking run from their midfield player, who unleashed a terrific 20-yard shot which smashed into the net and left Hall with no chance.

A short while later came some sloppy defending from Wolves, who weren't able to clear the danger, and Bradford made it 2-0.

The second half continued in the same vein, and in the 65th minute Bradford made it 3-0 with a great finish following a simple run to the edge of the Wolves' 18-yard box.

Bradford ended any Wolves' hopes with another run from midfield to beat keeper Hall and make it four with 20 minutes to go.

Manager Trevor Mullings said: "It was a typical end of season game for us.

"There was no urgency from the players and we found it difficult."

Gera's goodbye to the Albion

HAWTHORNS hero Zoltan Gera has said a fond farewell to Albion insisting "I've enjoyed every minute".

The fans' favourite is one of 10 players to depart in a dramatic end-of-season clearout, bringing to an end a successful Baggies career.

"I enjoyed every minute I spent here," said the 35-year-old.

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